

To the Law and to the Testimony

Isaiah 8:20 "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them."

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." **1 John 5:3**

Ps. 119:172 "All thy commandments are righteousness. "

"The Spirit of God will lead us in the path of the commandments; for the promise is that "when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." We should try the spirits by the test of God's Word; for there are many spirits in the world. "**To the law and to the testimony:** if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."... **{Reflecting Christ Ch.38 pg.52 par.2 – Individual Accountability}**

"...It is God's unchangeable law of Ten Commandments..." **{Acts of the Apostles ch.19 pg. 190 par.1 – Jews and Gentiles}**

"And **keep** the charge of the LORD thy God, **to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses,** that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself." **1 Kings 2:3**

Proverbs 7:1-3 "My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart."

John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

"And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God: but **if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**" **Matthew 19:17.**

"I **saw** that Satan bade his angels lay their snares especially for those who were looking for Christ's second appearing, and keeping all the commandments of God. Satan told his angels that the churches were asleep. He would increase his power and lying wonders, and he could hold them. "But," he said, "the sect of Sabbathkeepers we hate; they are continually working against us, and taking from us our subjects, to keep the hated law of God." **{Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White 1922 Ch.29 Snares of Satan.}**

"...draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." **Hebrews 10:39**

“(For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but **the doers of the law shall be justified.**” **Romans 2:13**

“For many are called, but few [are] chosen.” **Matthew 22:14**

“Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” **Matthew 7:14**

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” **Matthew 7:15**

“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

“But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.”
Matthew 15:9

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” **Matthew 5:19**

“The qualities which shine with greatest luster in the kingdoms of the world, have no place in Christ's spiritual kingdom. That which is highly exalted among men, and brings exaltation to its possessor, such as caste, rank, position, or wealth, is not esteemed in the spiritual kingdom. The Lord says, "Them that honour me, I will honour" (1 Sam. 2:30). In Christ's kingdom men are distinguished according to their piety (which is devotion). . . .The kingdom of heaven is of a higher order than any earthly kingdom. Whether we shall have a higher position or a lower position, will not be determined by our rank, wealth, or education, but by the character of the obedience rendered to the word of God.” **{God's Amazing Grace pg.60 par.3}**

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no-wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. For I say unto you that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." **Matthew 5:17-18, 20.**

“The greatest deception of the human mind in Christ's day was that a mere assent to the truth constitutes righteousness. In all human experience a theoretical knowledge of the truth has been proved to be insufficient for the saving of the soul. It does not bring forth the fruits of righteousness. . . .

The Pharisees claimed to be children of Abraham, and boasted of their possession of the oracles of God; yet these advantages did not preserve them from selfishness, malignity, greed for gain, and the basest hypocrisy. . . .

The same danger still exists. Many take it for granted that they are Christians, simply because they subscribe to certain theological tenets. But they have not brought the truth into practical life. They have not believed and loved it, therefore they have not received the power and grace that come through sanctification of the truth. Men may profess faith in the truth; but if it does not make them sincere, kind, patient, forbearing, heavenly-minded, it is a curse to its possessors, and through their influence it is a curse to the world." **{The Faith I Live By 1958 ch.4 pg.108 par.3 – God's Remedy For Sin}**

James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." **Matthew 7:20.**

"There are only two classes in the world today, and only two classes will be recognized in the judgment--those who violate God's law and those who obey it. Christ gives the test by which to prove our loyalty or disloyalty. "If ye love Me," He says, "keep My commandments. . . . He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me. And he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him. . . . He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings; and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me." "If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." **John 14:15-24; 15:10.**" **{Christ Object Lessons 1900 ch.22 pg.283 par.3 – Saying and Doing}**

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." **Deuteronomy 6:5**

"This is the first and great commandment." **Matthew 22:38**

"**Without me,**" Christ says, "**ye can do nothing.**" We either gather with Christ, or we scatter abroad. The youth who glory in their independence apart from Christ should not have an influence to lure any of you away from your Saviour. Their self-righteous robes are stained with sin, and will not cover them in the day of God." **{The Youth's Instructor, August 11, 1892 par.1}**

"The claims of God are to be ever before us. We should never forget that we are to give an account for the deeds done in the body." **{Colporteur Ministry 1953 ch.6 pg.41 par.2 – A soul-Winning Work}**

"If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us?" **Romans 8:31.**

“We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven,--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, --and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God.”
{Evangelism ch.18 pg.617 par.3 - In Co-operation With the Three Highest Powers}

“The Lord declares through the prophet Isaiah: "Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us. For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. Sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread." **Isa. 8:9-13. {Evangelism ch.18 pg.617 par.5 – Dealing With False Science, Cults, Isms, and Secret Societies}**

“For a just [man] falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.” **Proverbs 24:16**

Revelation 19:10 “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See [thou do it] not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**”

“The experience of the psalmist is the experience that all may gain by receiving God's Word through nature and through revelation. He says:

‘Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.’
‘Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; And Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep. . . .’
‘How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God!’
‘The children of men take refuge under the shadow of Thy wings. . . .
. . . And Thou wilt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures. For with Thee is the fountain of life: In Thy light shall we see light.’

‘Blessed are they that are upright in way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, That seek Him with the whole heart.’
‘Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.’
‘I have chosen the way of faithfulness: Thine ordinances have I set before Me.’
‘Thy word have I laid up in my heart, That I might not sin against Thee.’
‘And I shall walk at liberty; For I have sought Thy precepts.’

‘Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold Wondrous things out of Thy law.’
‘Thy testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.’
‘The law of Thy mouth is better unto me Than thousands of gold and silver.’
‘Oh how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.’
‘Thy

testimonies are wonderful; Therefore doth my soul keep them.' 'Thy statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage.' 'Thy word is very pure; Therefore Thy servant loveth it.'

'The sum of Thy word is truth; And every one of Thy righteous ordinances endureth forever.' 'Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee; And let Thine ordinances help me.' 'Great peace have they that love Thy law; And they have no occasion of stumbling.' 'I have hoped for Thy salvation, O Jehovah, And have done Thy commandments. My soul hath observed Thy testimonies; And I love them exceedingly.'" "The opening of Thy words giveth light; It giveth understanding unto the simple.'

'Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers; For Thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have kept Thy precepts.' 'Through Thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way.' 'Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever; For they are the rejoicing of my heart.'" **{The Ministry of Healing 1905 Ch.39 pg.462 par.3 – The Knowledge Received Through God's Word}**