

# Lesson 7

## Keep My Commandments

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### What Does God Require?

*And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the Commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? **Deuteronomy 10: 12-13***

It is oft times asked of people, “Why am I, what purpose is there in this life for me?” The above verses give answer to these questions.

**Remember:** when God is speaking of “Israel,” as the word is used in the above verses, it is to those who keep the commandments of God, therefore, do not think that God is speaking to the Nation of Israel or the Jews only, but instead, God is speaking to all of mankind who wishes to give worship to the God of Creation.

What then does God require of all those who are “Israel,” and choose to give worship to the God of Creation?

### To Fear God

**Remember:** to “Fear” God does not mean to be afraid of him, but **to give God honor, respect, and your love.** To “Love” God is to be obedient to his commandments and to live in the Way of the Lord.

### To Serve the Lord

To serve God is to do those things that God asks of you, with gladness, and willingly, out of your love for God. What things then does God ask of you, “**To Love Me and to Keep My Commandments.**”

As a way to help you understand exactly what God requires of you, I looked up all the occurrences of the words, “**KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.**” The following verses were included in the list that the computer found. I did this as a way of showing you the importance that God places on you and I in keeping his commandments, all Ten of them, not just those that are convenient for us to keep.

## First: Keep My Commandments

### Hunger Ensues

*And the children of Israel said unto them, “Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”* **Exodus 16:3**

By this time, all of the foods that the people brought out of Egypt with them had been consumed, and they were beginning to starve, and so they began to complain of their plight.

*Then said the Lord unto Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.”*

**Exodus 16:4**

### The Preparation Day

*And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, “At even, then ye shall know that the Lord hath brought you out from the land of Egypt:”* **Exodus 16:5-6**

I am not sure if at this time whether God has already given the people his Ten Commandments or not, but in this trial he is establishing the Seventh Day Sabbath, as well as giving the people incentive to obey his commandments and laws.

## Quail and Manna

*And in them morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, “This shall be, when the Lord shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the Lord heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord. **Exodus 16:7-8***

*And Moses spake unto Aaron, “Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings.” **Exodus 16:9***

## God in a Cloud

*And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold; the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, “I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God. **Exodus 16:10-12***

As you can see, God always presents himself as a cloud to the people and from that cloud his voice is heard. It is mind boggling to me, that those who see all these things not natural of the earth, and yet they still do not believe. Whereas, I have never seen, but as I read these words, I see in my mind’s eye, and I do believe.

*And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and cover the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host, and when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground, and when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, “It is manna:” for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, “This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.” **Exodus 16:13-16***

A “Quail” is a small short-tailed game bird resembling partridges but generally smaller and less robust. An “Omer” is an ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure equal to about 3.5 liters or 3.7 quarts.

In the above, God is giving the people instructions that they are to take only that which they need for to eat, but no more. In this God is attempting to establish the understanding with the people, that he God will provide for them and therefore it is not required that they hoard more than what they can eat, for God will provide more as it is needed on the next day.

## God Provides for his Children

*And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. **Exodus 16:17-18***

## Sabbath Observation

*And Moses said, “Let no man leave of it till the morning.” Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning and it bread worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. **Exodus 16:19-21***

In these verses we are being shown that some ignored God’s command not to take more than they needed, and the price that they paid for their disobedience.

*It came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses, and he said unto them, “This is that which the Lord hath said, “To-morrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. **Exodus 16:22-23***

In this God is establishing the requirement that no work is to be engaged in on the Seventh Day, but that it is correct and permitted that the people prepare additional foods on the Sixth Day to hold over for consumption on the Seventh Day, when no work is allowed.

*And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, “Eat that to-day; for to-day is a Sabbath unto the Lord: to-day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none.*

**Exodus 16:24-26**

This then establishes that which has come to be known as the **Preparation Day**, which is the Sixth Day of the week.

## Worship as God Commands

*And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. **Exodus 16:27***

Despite God's assurances that he would provide for them every day, and that no extra was allowed to be gathered to save for the next day, several did not obey or believe in the promises of the Lord, so they went out on the Sabbath, in an effort to gather more manna for that day. In doing so, these people disobeyed God's Holy Sabbath, doing so reveals to God that these people have no belief in the promises of God. If you do not have belief, then you do not have faith. You must give full worship to God as he commands; else you do not worship God at all.

## God Hears the People

God has heard the complaints of the people, and is aware of their hunger. He has held off providing the people food, because he wants to impress upon them that it is he, The God of Creation, which will feed them. In this way, God assumes that if the people know it is God that is providing them the food, then they will be more likely to obey and keep his commandments and his laws.

*And the Lord said unto Moses, **How long refuse ye to Keep My Commandments and my laws?** **Exodus 16:28***

*See, for that the Lord hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. **Exodus 16:29***

As you can see, God was getting impatient even with Moses and the first Israelites, that the commandments were not being observed. For me, this is yet another example of how important God considers his Sabbath Day as well as his other commandments. To give true and correct worship to God we must worship as God has told us to, else is it truly God that you give your worship to?

## God's Word must be obeyed

It is according to this verse that I have come to observe the Sabbath. During the hours of the Sabbath, from sun down on the Sixth Day to sundown on the Seventh Day, I remain in my home and try to keep the day to prayer to God and to the study of God's Holy Scripture. From these verses in the Book of Exodus, I assume that the only time that it is permitted to leave your home during the Sabbath is to go to the synagogue (Church) and be in fellowship with others of the faith, in the worship of God.

To think that because Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, is cause to stop keeping his Commandments of God, is ridicules, not to mention, unsupported by Bible Scripture. The Lie is another of Satan's lies, and by it Satan has deceived the whole world.

**Remember:** God Says, Love Me, Keep my Commandments, because when you keep all of his commandments and live your life in the morality of God and give worship as God commands, then you manifest your love for God in a real and substantial way that God can easily recognize as being worship of him and no other.

If you give worship in any other way, especially on a day not commanded by God, then it is not the God of Creation that you worship. Who then do you worship, if not the God of Creation?

## All Who would Worship

There are many who have told me that all that I have just shown you in the Book of Exodus is directed only at the Jews, and that the Ten Commandments were only a temporary arrangement between God and the Jews, and have no bearing on Christians, but that is not true. At this point in the history of the Early Israelites, the designation between the Jews and an Israelite has not yet been made. God refers to all of the people that came out of Egypt as being Children of Israel, or simply Israelites, this is to reveal that they are all blood descendants of Jacob whom God renamed Israel. The reason God considers them all Israelites, is because he expects that with all the miracles that he is showing them that they like Jacob will overcome their sins and embrace the true and correct worship of God.

Just as God expects these early Israelites to convert to his faith, he expects anyone else in history who reads these verses to also repent their sins and convert to the true and correct worship of God. For this reason,

all who would give worship to God are expected to obey the Commandments and Laws of God, just as he expects these early people to do.

## Second: Keep My Commandments

### The Second Commandment, Idolatry

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that Love Me, and **Keep my Commandments.** **Exodus 20:4-6***

I have referred to these verses before, it includes the words “**Love Me,**” as well as the words, “**Keep my Commandments,**” together in one sentence. To me this is a dual confirmation of my understanding, that you need both together to achieve the correct worship of the one true God.

### God Defines Love and Hate

One thing I want to impress upon you in this the Second Commandment, in defining who God considers as loving him, he is also defining who God considers as hating him, that being, if you Love God you will keep the Ten Commandments, but when you fail to keep God’s Ten Commandments, you show your hatred of God.

When you love God, you manifest that love by keeping the Ten Commandments, by not only keeping them but by writing them upon your heart, and making God’s morality your morality, and worshiping God as he commands, his pleasure, and not by your pleasure.

God equates not obeying his commandments as your showing your hatred for God. This is very clear to me in the above verses, isn’t it clear to you as well?

**Remember:** for God there is only “**Love Me,**” or “**Hate Me,**” there is no third possibility.

# Third: Keep My Commandments

## Animal Sacrifice

*Therefore, shall ye **Keep My Commandments**, and do them: I am the Lord. **Leviticus 22:31***

Again, to understand the context of this verse you need to read those that come before it. This verse is embedded within the instructions as to how to make an animal sacrifice and its consumption. With the advent of Jesus, who caused that the daily sacrifice be removed from the true and correct worship of God, these instructions no longer have meaning. However, you should take note that before the advent of Jesus, this was correct in the true worship of God, and that in the above verse God is giving instructions that in doing the sacrifice as instructed by God, you then **“Keep My Commandments.”** If you preform the sacrifice in a way other than as God has instructed, then you do not keep the Commandments of God. Only God’s Way is righteous, all other ways are in error, and a sin against God.

## The Essence of Obedience

The essence of keeping the Commandments of God is in the fact that you are in obedience to God. If before Jesus you take an animal and sacrifice it in any other way than as God has instructed you to do, then you do not give true and correct worship to God, and the sacrifice and your worship is in vain. To Keep the Commandments of God, is to be in obedience to the Word of God, in the manner and intent of the meaning of his words as he has spoken the command.

# Fourth: Keep My Commandments

## Graven Images

## Worship Only the God of Creation

*Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God. Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. **Leviticus 26:1-2***

This is not actually saying to Keep My Commandments, but it amounts to the same thing, for God has said, “Keep My Sabbath’s” and the keeping of the Lord’s Sabbath is a Commandment of God, the Fourth Commandment.

*If ye walk in my statutes, and Keep My Commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. **Leviticus 26:3-4***

Did you notice this, and reverence my sanctuary. The sanctuary of God is the Tabernacle, which started out when Moses wrote these words, as a tent like structure that could easily be taken down and put back up. By the time of Jesus the Temple had replaced the tent as a fix and permanent Tabernacle. The reason Jesus turned over the money changers and other table’s setup inside the walls of the Temple is because they were engaged in commerce on a holy site. Those so doing were not giving reverence to the sanctuary of God. The above verse shows us that this lack of reverence of the Tabernacle was expressly forbidden.

## God’s Rewards

## Good Harvests

*And you threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. **Leviticus 26:5***

## Peace in the Land

*And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. **Leviticus 26:6***

## Power over your enemies

*And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. **Leviticus 26:7***

*And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword, for I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. **Leviticus 26:8-9***

I include verse 26:9 above to show you that there are rewards on Earth for keeping Gods Commandments; you do not need to wait until the next life for your rewards.

In these verses, God is speaking to the descendants of Jacob as part of what they must do in order to worship God as he has commanded. The covenant God speaks of is the one I call the First Covenant, between God and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and then the Second Covenant, between Moses and the children of Israel, however, these verses apply to all those who choose to worship God, regardless of their national origins.

**Remember:** the definition of an Israelite under the Second Covenant is those who keep the Commandments of God, whereas the definition of an Israelite under the Third Covenant is those who keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ. Both Covenants require the keeping of the Commandments of God.

## Failure to Obey

So long as the people of the nation of Israel kept the Commandments of God, these promises that God made held true, it wasn't until the people became corrupted by Satan's lies, (about 200 years after Moses), that the nation of Israel began to suffer. As with those who came out of Egypt, all who give true and correct worship of God will know God's mercies and love. All who are disobedient to the Word of God will be without God's mercies.

# Fifth: Keep My Commandments

*And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that Love Me and Keep My Commandments.*

## **Deuteronomy 5:10**

Do these words look familiar to you? They should, they are a repeat almost word for word of **Exodus 20:6**. In these two verses God is emphasizing that if the people keep his commandments then he God will show mercy on those that do, which implies that he will not be merciful towards those who do not keep his commandments.

## By the Grace of Jesus

Today in history, most if not all Christians that I have spoken to concerning this, believe that they are under God's Mercy simply because they have professed Jesus to be their personal saviour, and are therefore saved by the Grace of Jesus. This is once more Satan's Lie. Let me give you an example to help you understand why this is a lie.

A man you know refers to himself as a Christian, and tells you that he has declared Jesus his saviour, and that he believes that Jesus is God in the Flesh of a Man. As most Christians believe, this then is all that you need to be saved in Christ. But what if this man also is a thief, or a liar, or a murderer? He believes in Jesus, but he still commits sins against the Commandments of God. Is it that these are not sins against this man simply because he has declared Jesus to be the Son of God? Or are these still sins for which he will have to answer for upon Judgement Day?

If you agree with me that these are in fact sins against the Commandments of God, and therefore sins against God, then you must also believe that to give lip service to being a Christian is not enough, you must walk the walk and not just talk the talk. Jesus himself gives comment concerning this in the following verse.

*Ye hypocrites, well did Isiah prophesy of you, saying, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **Matthew 15:7-9***

Jesus is calling people that give lip service to being a Christian, hypocrites, why because to be a Christian means to follow in the Teachings of Jesus Christ, and Jesus teaches that we must keep the Commandments of God, therefore, if you fail to keep God's Commandments, but instead believe Satan's Lie

that the Commandments of God have no bearing upon Christians and that as a Christian you are above the Law, then you are deceived and ignorant of what Jesus has taught. This can be shown as true in the following verses.

*But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.*

*For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness,*

*blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.*

### **Matthew 15:18-20**

If you give lip service to being a Christian, but then engage in any of the above sins that are also given as being sins in the last six of the Ten Commandments, then you are a hypocrite and not a follower of Jesus Christ.

In these above verses, spoken by the lips of Jesus, Jesus gives voice to those things that the Ten Commandments include. In this way, Jesus is telling you that you must obey and keep the Ten Commandments of God. Where is the confusion? Are these words spoken by Jesus confusing to you, do you not understand? If you still accept that the Ten Commandments do not apply to you because you are above the Law, then why has Jesus spoken otherwise?

What then concerning the Fourth Commandment, “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.” Is this not also one of the Ten Commandments, just as are those others? Why then do you accept that the first day of the week is the Lord’s Day of Rest, when Genesis Chapter 2 and Exodus Chapter 20 tells us that the Sabbath Day is the Seventh Day, that the seventh day is the one day that God hallowed, and that the seventh day is the one day that God sanctified, and that it was on the seventh day when God did rest from all his labors in the creation of the universe. Why then do you observe the Sunday Sabbath? Either you believe and accept the Word of God as being the truth or you reject the Word of God and believe the Lie.

## **Sixth: Keep My Commandments**

### **God’s Dire Warning**

*But if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or your children, and will not Keep My Commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but go and server other gods, and worship them: Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people. **I Kings 9:6-7***

*And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house? **I Kings 9:8***

*And they shall answer, "Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the Lord brought upon them all this evil." **I Kings 9:9***

In these above verses God is informing the nation and people of Israel, what he will do, if they do not keep his commandments. God is so adamant that his children **Keep His Commandments** that if they fail to do so, he will cut them off, and tear down the nation that he created. In short, he will destroy the nation that is Israel, and cause the people to be dispersed to the four winds.

## If the Jews, Why not the Christians?

So I ask you, if he will do this if the descendants of Jacob fail to keep his commandments, then why do you suppose he would be willing to extend a new covenant to the Gentiles, and not also insist that they **keep his commandments**?

## In History, Punished

In history God has accomplished this threat against the Nation of Israel.

### Babylon

The first time God punished the Nation of Israel is when he allowed the Babylonians to destroy the city of Jerusalem and the temple therein, and conquer the nation.

### Rome

The second time is when the Jews failed to accept Jesus as the Messiah, and then stoned Steven for preaching that Jesus was the Messiah. Once again God punished the Nation of Israel by allowing the Romans to destroy the Temple and force the dispersal of the Jews to the far corners of the Roman Empire.

## Not by the Hand of God

It took two thousand years before the Nation of Israel reestablished itself, (70 AD to 1948 AD), but not by the grace of God, but by the assistance of the anti-Christ, or at least those nations that give sustenance to the

anti-Christ. As you read further, into the lessons, you will understand my above reference concerning these nations.

I include these above 5 verses, along with the one that has the phrase, “*Keep My Commandments,*” to bring home the consequences for not keeping God’s Commandments. To fully understand what can be lost when you fail to keep the commandments, you need to read the Book of “**I Kings,**” as well as the books of **Jeremiah and Ezekiel**. In them, Israel is given warning after warning, by way of the Prophets, yet they still failed to repent and keep the Commandments of God. For this the covenant that God made with Moses and the descendants of Jacob, was nullified, and the nation of Israel was allowed to be destroyed and its people spread to the four winds, not once but twice, by Babylon and then by Rome. If God would do this to his chosen people, why do you think that he wouldn’t do it to Christians if they refused or failed to keep his commandments?

## Are Christians any better than the Jews?

One other thing you might want to take note of again here is that God differentiates his commandments, the Ten Commandments, from his statutes. They are not one and the same; the Ten Commandments were written on stone, by the finger of God, signifying that they are forever, whereas a statute can be changed, amended, or removed as the Will of God dictates.

## Seventh: Keep My Commandments

*Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, “Turn ye from your evil ways, and Keep My Commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.” **II Kings 17:13***

I would again like you to take note that God refers separately to his commandments, and his statutes. Again, the commandments are the Ten Commandments, written in stone, meant to last forever, whereas the statutes are the Laws of Moses, written by Moses, and temporary, some of which, (those pertaining to animal sacrifice), were rendered obsolete by the First Advent of Christ Jesus.

**Take Note:** The above verses reveal that it is not just the Ten Commandments that God insists be kept but all of that which is written in his Holy Gospel. The Word of God is the Law of God; there are just different levels of their importance. Those chiseled in stone by the finger of God and those written by the hand of a man, Moses and the Prophets.

# Eighth: Keep My Commandments

## God's Renewed Warning

*Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandest thy servant Moses, saying, if ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: **Nehemiah 1:8***

In this God is giving warning to the Nation of Israel, Keep my Commandments, or “I will destroy the nation of Israel that I created. Not only will I destroy it, I will scatter the people to live among the other nations of the world, away from the lands that I promised your fathers.”

There are those who say that this verse is in reference to the destruction of the Nation of Israel and the subsequent enslavement of the people by the Babylonians, but I ask you, wasn't the Nation of Israel destroyed by the Roman's, wasn't the people of Israel scattered among the nations of the world, and isn't it only just since 1948 AD, that the Nation of Israel has reestablished itself? Though a prophecy may apply to one event, it can also apply to more than one event. History tends to repeat itself, because Satan is the same, and mankind are gullible and always falling for the same lies and deceptions over and over again.

## God's Mercy

*But if ye turn unto me, and **Keep My Commandments**, and do them: though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. **Nehemiah 1:9***

This is to show the mercies that God gives to those who show their love for him, by obeying his laws and his Holy Word. This is also revealing that if your fathers failed to keep God's Commandments, but then you endeavor to do so, that you will be brought back in to the family of God.

# Ninth: Keep My Commandments

## Forget Not the Law

*My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart **Keep My Commandments**; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the **table of thine heart**: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. **Proverbs 3:1-4***

**Remember:** God wants you to write his Ten Commandments on your heart, these verses verify this. So I ask again, how could Jesus fulfill God's laws, to the point of rendering the Ten Commandments obsolete, when he wants you to write them upon your heart, which means to change your personality and character (to be reborn) to resemble that of God's Morality, to be reborn in the spirit. This is again shown to be true in the following verse.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" **John 3:3***

Remove your blind fold, and open your heart, hear the Word of God-Jesus, repent and live, continue on in sin and die.

## Power of Satan's Lie

To think that the Ten Commandments no longer have relevance to the correct and true worship of God is the same for you to turn your back on God and embrace Satan, for in believing this powerful lie, you fall short of the worship of God. The word of God is supreme; accept it over words never spoken by God.

Do not make the same error that Adam and Eve made; they believed the words spoken by the serpent, (Satan), rather than that which God had commanded them.

## Not Found in Scripture

If the words are not written in the pages of the Books of the Prophets, then it is Satan's Lie. Nowhere in scripture will you find it written that God or Jesus gave command or instructions that the Lords Holy Day of

Rest was to be kept on the first day of the week. Nowhere in God's Holy Scripture will you find where God or Jesus made holy or sanctified any day other than the Seventh Day. Why then do you observe the first day of the week as God's Holy Day, when God has never called the first day his holy day?

## Allow God-Jesus to Guide You

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. **Proverbs 3:5***

This verse is important to keep in mind, and you should live by it. **Lean not unto thine own understanding.** When I first began to read the Bible with the intent of finding God's truth, I relied mostly on my own understanding as I read. I not only did not find God, most of what I read was confusing and therefore unhelpful in my search. It was only when I prayed to God for his forgiveness of my life of sin, and asked his help and guidance, in my life and in my study, as to what direction I should take in my study and my life that God gave me understanding. God had mercy upon me, and gave me his guidance, and from that he has shown his light of understanding upon me. I strongly advise this course of action to you as well.

## Give Glory to God

*In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. **Proverbs 3:6***

This is to say that you must do all that you do as a way of giving glory, not to yourself but to God. Do not live your life to gain glory or honor for yourself, but live your life so that God will honor you because you have given honor to God.

## You are a Reflection

Not so much in the civilization that we live today, because of Satan's influence on the nations of the world, but in generations past, the actions of the father reflected upon his sons, and the actions of the sons reflected upon the father. This is true with God as well. We are the children of God, be we male or female, we are all the sons of God. The kind of person that you are, whether you are honorable and moral, or dishonest and immoral, your actions reflect upon your father on earth and in heaven. When you sin, you are besmirching the honor of your father, on earth and in Heaven; this is why, in the above verse God is telling you to acknowledge God in everything that you do. If you keep God in mind, and always look to honor him, then unless you truly hate God, you will avoid dishonoring him as a natural course of your actions.

## Accept God's Reproach

*My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.* **Proverbs 3:11-12**

When you error, or sin and then are reproached for your inequities by God, do not bulk at his chastisement, but know that he gives you correction out of love, so that you will learn right from wrong, so that you will learn the Ways of God as opposed to the way of Satan.

## Walk in the Spirit of the Lord

Always walk in life in the way of the Lord God. This also has relevance when you are shown in scripture something that refutes a long held belief you have. Satan lies, and much of his lies are in the form of an erroneous interpretation of verses or words in the Bible. When you are shown the correct interpretation as God intended it to mean, this is a form of reproach from God. Do not bulk at the true interpretation but verify it to be true through your own study and research. Then you will know God's True Word from knowledge gained by you, and not from blind faith in accepting what others tell you.

## Knowledge is Power

*Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold.* **Proverbs 3:13-14**

This I can attest to. I was a man of worldly wealth till I found God. Happiness eluded me, until I put my life and soul into the hands of God. I am no longer a man of wealth in earthly things, but I am now a man of extreme wealth in the love of God.

## God wants your belief founded in knowledge

This verse gives support to my above comments. Wisdom is gained from Knowledge, and Understanding is the reward for both. These things cannot be achieved from blind faith; only in study and research can you obtain knowledge, which leads to understanding, which results in wisdom.

I know many people who are highly educated, but they are not wise in my opinion. When you take the knowledge and combine it with understanding, then you achieve Wisdom. If you read the Bible on a regular basis, but fail to understand, or fail to take the time to gain understanding as to what the Bible is attempting to

explain to you, then you have education but do not have wisdom. Only in gaining understanding of what God commands you, will you gain wisdom of who and what God is, and what God requires of you.

## Tenth: Keep My Commandments

*Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law, for I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, "Let thine heart retain my words: **Keep My Commandments**, and live." Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. **Proverbs 4:1-7***

Within these verses stands the truth of God. God is instructing all of us to gain wisdom through understanding. Understanding can only be achieved by instruction or education. Therefore, only by educating yourself in God's Holy Gospel, and through diligent study will you gain understanding and with understanding wisdom. These verses explain how to reveal Satan's lie for the lies that they are:

## Blind Faith

## Satan's Tool of Deception

Satan Lied when he said: "Believe your instruction by faith; through faith you will be saved." Blind Faith is the tool that Satan uses most to deceive us into believing his lies over God's truth. If you accept what others tell you as truth without leaning it for yourself, then you have no way of knowing if what they have told you are true or not. This is the way of the lazy person. You might call yourself a Good Christian, but you are unwilling to do the work that it takes to be a Saint of God. You may be a Christian, but are you a Saint of God? A Christian is defined in the Twenty First Century, as one who goes to church on Sunday and lives by a moral code, but this does not make you a Saint of God.

## Saint of God Defined

In the Book of Revelation Jesus gives definition to those who the dragon, (Satan), makes war upon.

*And the Dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** **Revelation 112:17***

Does this definition fit you? If it does not, it is up to you to adjust your personality, and moral code to conform to who God defines as being his Saints, else you will fall short, and only his Saints have any hope of entering into heaven.

## Eleventh: Keep My Commandments

### Keep My Words

*My sons, 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. Say unto wisdom, “Thou art my sister;” and call understanding thy kinswoman: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. **Proverbs 7:1-5***

The phrase, “And Live” relates to the eternal life, not the mortal life.

The phrase, “As the apple of thine eye.” is essentially the same meaning as having the commandments written upon your heart.

God refers to the sister and the kinswoman as being family, wholesome and pure, whereas the strange woman is the harlot, and will lead you into sin and corruption. The Family is the Way of God; the strange woman is the ways of Satan.

### The Path of Sin

*Let not thine heart decline to her ways, (the strange woman); go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death. **Proverbs 7:25-27***

In the above verses God is using a sexual connotation to symbolize his ways, (the Ten Commandments), as opposed to the ways of Satan. By instructing that you think of Wisdom as your sister, and understanding your kinswoman, those that you would not consider to engage in a sexual act with, and the lies of Satan, which can be summarized in the phrase, (Blind Faith), as a strange women, or a harlot.

The last sentence, “Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death,” is the result on not taking the time to study, learn and understand God’s holy gospel, but taking the easy way of accepting what others tell you to be the truth. You can also understand that the “strange women” is a reference to the Harlot woman (the anti-Christ) who sits upon the Scarlet Colored Beast, (Satan’s False Gospel) spoken of in the Book of Revelation and is a symbolism of the anti-Christ. With educated knowledge the lies of the anti-Christ will have no power over you, whereas blind faith will bring you into the grasp of the harlot.

One thing should be noted here. The Book of Proverbs is Old Testament, yet I am convinced that the one talking to us is Christ, before his birth into the flesh of a man. In short, in Proverbs, Christ is introducing himself to us before he was born of woman in the flesh of a man. True the Book of Proverbs was written by the hand of King Solomon, but as is the way of all of God’s Prophets, he wrote that which was given to him to write by God, which is why King Solomon is a Prophet of God.

## Twelfth: Keep My Commandments

*Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”* **John 14:8-9**

## Believe Jesus is God

*Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.* **John 14:10**

*Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.* **John 14:11-12**

**Take Note:** Jesus is telling us that if you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and therefore God in the flesh of a man, then you must also live your life by those things that Jesus taught us. If you do not embrace the teachings of Christ, then you are not qualified to call yourself a Christian.

*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.* **John 14:13-14**

*If ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments. John 14:15*

Again the dual requirement, if you love God, then you must keep his commandments. There might be those of you who will say, that Jesus is speaking in this verse, and therefore it is his two commandments that are referenced here, not God's Ten Commandments. If after my explanation of the first of Christ's two commandments you still refuse to see, the Ten Commandments as part and parcel to the meaning of loving God then consider this. If you believe as I have come to believe, that Christ is the incarnation of God, and that Christ therefore is God, and then if Christ says "Keep My Commandments" and God tells us to "Keep My Commandments," are we not referring to the same commandments, if they are one and the same God who are speaking to us?

## Thirteenth: Keep My Commandments

*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 15:10*

In this verse, doesn't Christ himself say that to keep his commandments is to keep his father's commandments? That is what this verse is telling me. If The Christ Jesus, kept his father's commandments, "The Ten Commandments," isn't it only correct that if you wish to call yourself a Christian, you must follow in the footsteps of Christ, and keep the commandments of our Father in Heaven?

## A Sign with God

God is consistently telling us, that to love him we must show it by keeping all of the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath is the key to manifesting that love, and verifying that he, the God of creation, is the god you worship, and no other. When you keep the Commandments of God it is a sign between God and you. You are telling God that you love him, respect his authority to impose his laws upon you, and that you look to the God of Creation and only him for your worship and salvation.

## Carry on the Works of Jesus

The Christ Jesus gave us two commandments, the first is to show our love for God, which relates back to God's insistence on our observing the Ten Commandments. The second is to love our neighbors, in like manner, as Jesus showed his love for us. Jesus showed his love for us by teaching us the correct and true way

of how to worship God, so we must do as he did by teaching others to find and love God. In this way, we carry on his works.

## Glory to God the Father

Do you see the Circle of consistency between the teachings of Christ and his desire to glorify, not himself, but the Father, our God. All glory is the Father's. Neither Jesus nor do we have any glory, but that which is given to us by the Father.

In the above pages, I have attempted to show you how to worship God as he commands us to do. If you are still unconvinced, or have questions, like, why is it so important to keep the Saturday Sabbath, and wrong to worship on Sunday, or why is it wrong for us to wear a cross with a carving of a man upon it, as a showing of our faith, you will be convinced of why I am sure, when you understand who the anti-Christ is, and what Satan has been up to for the last 2,000 or more years since Jesus was nailed to the cross.

## Living by Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment

### Parable of the Fruit of the Vine

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. **John 15:1-2***

The fruit being spoken of here is the conversion of additional people to God's True Word. Jesus commands that we love our neighbors, as he loved us; this is accomplished by doing as Jesus did. Jesus revealed his love for us by preaching to us the Holy Gospel of God, and through that introduced us to God the Father. Jesus intends that we continue his work, by teaching others as Jesus taught us, it is in this way that you show your love for your neighbor.

In the above, Jesus uses another agricultural analogy to get across an understanding using a graphic illustration. In this Jesus uses the example of a grape vine and all its branches that grow out from the primary vine.

A **“Husbandman”** is a farmer, and someone who oversees the trimming off of branches that no longer give fruit. When you remove the old worn out branches, you allow new fresh branches to grow, thus increasing the yield of fruit that a vine produces.

**Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away:** In that God is the husbandman, he removes from those who at first came to the teachings of Jesus, but who fall short of the faith, thereby allowing only those who embrace the teachings of Jesus with their full heart, soul and mind to continue to grow.

**Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it.** To **“Purgeth”** is to **prune**, which further means **to trim or clip out the old to allow the new and fresh to grow and prosper.**

## Do You Walk the Walk?

What Jesus is saying is that though you might come to the teachings of Christ and call yourself a Christian, (giving lip service to the faith), but unless you walk the walk and not just talk the talk, you might be unproductive to the increase of the children of God, and therefore, God will remove you so as to not prevent others who do walk the walk to grow and expand.

## God’s Truism

You might ask, “How can I, Walk the Walk, what must I do to show God that my worship of him is sincere and heartfelt?” The first and most important thing that we must all do is to understand that the Word of God is supreme, and only if God spoke something is it of God, which brings us to God’s Truism.

If God Spoke it, you will find it in the Holy Scripture,

If God Spoke it, it is the truth, it is the truth because it is of God, it is of God, because God Spoke it.

If God did “NOT” speak it, you will not find it in the Holy Scripture,

If God did “NOT” speak it, it is then a lie, it is a lie because it is not of God, it is not of God because God never spoke it.

## An Example

An example of how this truism can be shown is in the observance of the Holy Sabbath. In the Book of Genesis and in the Books of Exodus and Deuteronomy it is shown several times that God’s Holy Day is the Seventh Day of the Week, yet all but a few Christians, observe the Sabbath on the First Day of the Week.

There is nowhere in the Bible where you will find where God or Jesus give Commandment nor instruction that the First Day of the Week is the Lord's Holy Day. Why then do Christians keep it rather than the day that God has "SPOKEN"?

The First Day Sabbath is not of God, God never spoke it, therefore it must be a lie, and only Satan has cause to tell such a lie. When you observe the Sabbath on the first day of the week, your worship of God is in vain, for it is not God who said that the first day is my holy day.

In this example, those who keep the First Day as the Sabbath, are "Talking the Talk," but they are doing so in opposition to the Word of God, therefore they fail to "Walk the Walk," don't you be one of those who go through life in disobedience to the Word of God.

## Cleansing of Sin

*Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **John 15:3***

Do you understand what Jesus is saying in these words? We are clean which means to be Redeemed, not by our professing that Jesus Christ is our Savior, but in the Words Spoken by Jesus. We must live our lives in the ways taught to us by Jesus Christ if we want to be Redeemed into Salvation.

*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; nor more can ye, except ye abide in me. **John 15:4***

To be clean as Jesus is discussing here is to be pure of sin, and in full knowledge of the Holy Word of God. Jesus is speaking directly to his apostles at the time he speaks these words to them, they are full of all that Jesus has spoken to them. But this also applies to you and me.

As with the above example, Jesus never spoke of another day other than the one that God established during the Six Days of Creation, and then again in the Fourth Commandment, therefore if Jesus didn't speak of another day, and God speaks only of the Seventh Day, then it must therefore be the Seventh Day that is God's Holy Day of Rest, to believe anything else is to believe the Lies of Satan over the Truth spoken by God.

If we study and research diligently the Books of the Bible, we too will be clean through the word. We must know God's Truth, and rely only on that Truth, never accepting any other words spoken by others, for they are Satan looking to deceive and corrupt you.

## Children of God

*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **John 15:5***

Only through the knowledge of the Word of God are we branches coming forth from Jesus the vine. Only in this connection to God's True Word, are we able to bring forth fruit of the faith rather than tainted fruit produced by Satan's lies.

## Spawn of Satan

*If a man abide **not** in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. **John 15:6***

If you preach the False Gospel of Satan, then you abide not in Jesus or the Holy Gospel of God. Though you preach a gospel, it is the false gospel, and God will have no part of your crop. If God rejects you, then they that you deceive in Satan's lies will wither and know only eternal death as well. Their deaths will be on your head for having preached the False Gospel of Satan.

If you have been shown God's True Word, but reject it in favor of your long held believes, then you and those you preach to will be destined for eternal death.

## Glorifying God the Father

*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **John 15:7-8***

It is understood that in Jesus' Second Commandment, that we must preach the word to others as Jesus preached the word to us. In doing this we give glory to God the Father as well as to Jesus the Son. Jesus intends that we become preachers and give our knowledge of the Word of God to others not understanding the truth.

## Chosen by God

*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

### **John 15:16**

God tells us, **“I will have mercy on those that I will.”** God chooses those who he sees as being true to his worship. To understand what Jesus is saying, I looked back at my own life. Before I came to God, I was alone, with no direction or purpose in life. True I went in search of God, but it is God who chose to have pity on me, and invite me into his grace. Just look at the people around you. All but a few go through life in the false believe that they are saved from the grace of God, yet they do nothing to earn that salvation, and more often than not, they engage in immoral acts in disregard to the Teachings of Jesus and the morals shown in the Ten Commandments.

## A Personal Effort

Satan has told us that we only need to declare Jesus our Saviour, and we will be saved. As you can see from all that I have written thus far, this is a lie. God demands that we gain knowledge, and through knowledge, understanding, and through understanding, wisdom. This can only be accomplished by a personal effort on your part. Blind faith is Satan's tool to keep us ignorant of God's Holy Gospel.

*These things I command you, that ye love one another.* **John 15:17**

Again, to love one another is to preach the Word of God to all who we know and meet.

## The World Hates You

## The World Hated Jesus

*If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.* **John 15:18-19**

To understand this you have to **know** and **accept** that the religions of this world do not adhere to the Teachings of Jesus or to the Commandments of God. As such, they show their hatred for God the Father and God the Son. When you learn and begin living your life and preaching to others what you have learned from your study of God's True Word, all other of the Churches will reject you and what you say. When you preach the Seventh Day Sabbath, and they reject God's True Word because they prefer the First Day Sabbath, they will reveal their hatred of you, of Jesus, and of God the Father.

*Remember the word that I said unto you, "The servant is not greater than his lord." If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. **John 15:20***

**Remember:** Jesus was rejected and ultimately nailed to the cross, for the words that he spoke. The words that Jesus spoke contradicted the lies of Satan, which the Temple Elders had been blinded by in that Jesus was so persecuted, so too will we who keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ be persecuted by those who call themselves Christian, because the Word of God is contrary to that which they believe to be true.

*But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.*

**John 15:21**

You will be rejected and persecuted by those who call themselves, Christian, Jew and Muslim, for they think they know God, but they know only Satan, who has counterfeited himself to appear to be God. All three of these religions say that they worship the God of Creation, yet they reject the very words spoken by God and written down in the Books of the Bible by his prophets.

## To Reject Jesus is Sin

*If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.*

**John 15:22**

Before the First Advent of Jesus Christ, the Jews were not in sin so long as they kept the Laws of God as they were written in the Books of the Old Testament and the Ten Commandments, but with Jesus and his teachings, this is no longer enough in the true and correct worship of God. This is why Jesus gives definition of who the Saints of God are.

*Those that the dragon, (Satan), makes war with are those which keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Revelation 12:17***

*He that hateth me hateth my Father also. **John 15:23***

If you reject that Jesus is the Messiah, and that as such is the Son of God, then you show your hatred for Jesus and through Jesus you show your hatred of God. Just remember, God has given prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, that you reject the only one in history to be able to meet those prophecies and fulfill them, you therefore reject God as well, for the worship you give is incomplete. God tells us that we must worship him exactly as he Commands, else we do not worship him at all.

*Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your father's giveth you.*

**Deuteronomy 4:1**

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your god which I command you. **Deuteronomy 4:2***

## Had Christ not come

*If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause." **John 15:24-25***

**If I had not done among them the works which none other man did,** is a reference to the Teachings of Christ, and his fulfillment of the Laws and Prophets of God. If Jesus had not come, then Jesus tells us, **they had not had sin,** which means: those who we think of as Jews, who otherwise keep the Ten Commandments, would not be in sin in their worship of God.

The First Advent of Christ and the Teachings of Jesus rescind the Second Covenant that God had with the Children of Jacob and the Nation of Israel. With this termination of what I refer to as the Second Covenant, **but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father,** the New or Third Covenant of God becomes the True and correct way of giving worship to God, as God commands. Throughout the Bible, God has given voice, on many occasions in the Books of the Old Testament, to this New Covenant, and with Jesus, the New or Third Covenant negates the Second Covenant.

The Jews rejected Jesus, so the worship based on the Second Covenant is no longer the true and correct worship of the God of Creation. With this only those who accept Jesus, be they Jew or Gentile, and his teachings along with the Ten Commandments and all that they stand for, give true and correct worship of God.

If you give worship to God, but do not embrace the teachings of Jesus, as well as keep the Ten Commandments, then Jesus-God considers this as **“they hated me without a cause.”** Remember, God only sees in black and white, good or evil, love me or hate me, there is no middle road. Either you give worship exactly as God commands else your worship is in vain.

## The Comforter

*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. **John 15:26-27***

**Remember:** from the previous lessons that the Comforter is the Holy Ghost, and that the Holy Ghost is the living word of God, which is revealed in the Holy Gospel of God, or what we call the Bible.

The Comforter will testify of Jesus in that in the Bible, God has given prophecy of the Messiah, and in studying the Bible you will have that testimony. The Comforter is also the Books of the New Testament, in that they also give testimony of the words spoken by Jesus. The other witnesses of God are the Saints of God, who have already taken the time to study and research the words of the Bible, and have found God’s True Word, and then continue the work began by Jesus by preaching the Words Spoken by Jesus to all others they are able to.

This is given support in the following words, **“Even the Spirit of Truth.”** The Holy Ghost is God’s living word, the Word of God is truth, and therefore, the comforter is the spirit of truth, in that in the Bible you can find God’s True Word.

**Remember:** at the time of Jesus and until the 300’s AD, there was no Bible as such as it is today. There were several books written by the prophets of God, but they were not in any kind of all-in-one contained publication as is the Bible. It is this establishment of the written Bible, which is the comforter that God-Jesus sent to us. Those who read the Bible and study for God’s truth do find comfort in the truths written down in its pages.

## The Two Witnesses of God

*He shall testify of me:* is a reference to one of the Two Witnesses that Jesus tells us of in the Book of Revelation. The other is revealed in the following words, *and ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.* The word “YE” indicates we the Saints of God. The two witnesses therefore are, the **Bible** and those who are **the Saints of God**, that through their stead-fast commitment to the Word of God as written in the Books of the Prophets, found in the Bible, and the Saints commitment of reproducing the Bible and not allowing it to become forgotten in the long centuries that the anti-Christ was given to make war upon the Saints of God and on the testimony of Jesus.

## Achieving Eternal Life

*These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou has given him. **John 17:1-2***

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **John 17:3***

In these verses Jesus is giving instruction as to how we can achieve **Eternal Life**. To achieve eternal life, Jesus tells us, you first need to know the God of Creation and his son Jesus Christ. As I have explained, to know someone, you first must learn about them, who they are, their personality, honor, and moral character. These three things give definition to who someone is, be it God or another human. To learn entails education, and education is obtained through study and research as well as personal contact. This then gives support to my earlier explanation of the following verse.

*I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

If you want eternal life, *“that they might know thee the only true God,”* take the time and effort to get to know God-Jesus.

## Knowing Jesus

*I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **John 17:4-5***

The key words in these two verses are, “before the world was.” This relates to the Book of Proverbs and Jesus’ introduction of himself before he was born in the flesh of a man.

## God’s Way

*The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. **Proverbs 8:22-23***

That, whom we know as Jesus, is the Christ, and Christ is God in the flesh of a man. Christ is the Son of God even before Jesus was his only begotten son. The beginning of his way refers to the fact that when God established himself he also established Christ. God’s Way is defined as his personality, his honor and his moral character. This tells me that God was, and is, and will always be, as he is now, a moral being who has the capacity of love, but who also understands hate.

*While as yet he had not made the earth, or the fields, or the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of the earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. **Proverbs 8:26-31***

*Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **Proverbs 8:32-33***

## To Believe in Jesus

*I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **John 17:6-7***

For our benefit, Jesus is speaking to God the Father. All that Jesus did, said, and accomplished was because of that which was given to him by God the Father. Jesus is giving praise to the apostles, and that they believe and know that what Jesus has done was of and for the glory of God. Jesus did not all this for himself. Jesus is giving all glory to God the Father, and he is telling us and God that the apostles are aware that this is so.

## An Apostle of Jesus

*For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **John 17:8***

Because these words are written for our benefit, they apply to us who believe in Jesus just as they did to the original twelve apostles. If you recall the word surely, means with absolute knowledge, a certainty, therefore Jesus is telling us that the apostles believed without question, because of knowledge and understanding, and so should we. If you accept the Teachings of Jesus as being God's own truth then it is expected of you to preach his teachings to others.

## Jesus prays for the Apostles

*I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. **John 17:9-10***

Jesus is not praying for all who live on the earth or will live on the earth, I pray not for the world, only for those who Jesus has defined as the Saints of God, but for them which thou hast given me. Only those who love Jesus-God are given mercy, all others who show their hatred for God, by not worshiping exactly as God commands, are not considered saved, they have the potential of being saved, but refuse to see God's Truth, being blinded by Satan's Lies. This also applies to those who observe the Sunday Sabbath rather than the Seventh Day Sabbath as God has commanded.

## In the Name of God

*And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me that they may be one, as we are. **John 17:11***

The name of God that Jesus is referring to here is not Jehovah or any of the other that we as humans would consider a name. The name of God is that which gives definition to which God is his personality, his honour and his moral character. The name of God that Jesus is asking that God keep the apostles and the Saints in, are those who will arise up from the preaching of the apostles. All that is of God and his son Jesus can be found in the Holy Gospel of God and as it is summarized by the Ten Commandments. Only by living our lives in the morality and true worship of God can we be saved through the Grace of God. It is to this that Jesus prays to God. When we achieve the status of a Saints of God, then we will be one with God as Jesus is one with God.

## The Apostles were kept in the Name of God

*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **John 17:12***

The Son of perdition that Jesus is referring to is Judas, and that only he was lost, but that was because it was prophesied that one close to Jesus would betray him. I believe that Jesus knew from the start that it would be Judas who would betray him, and that is why Jesus accepted him as one of the apostles, so that prophecy would be fulfilled.

## The World Hates the Saints of God

*And now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **John 17:13-14***

*I have given them thy word,* refers to the Teachings of Jesus, as a fulfillment of the Word of God.

*And the world hath hated them,* refers to those who refuse to see the Word of God as truth, because of their blindness in Satan's Lies. Because the Word of God contradicts what people have accepted as true for all their lives, they reject the Word of God when they hear it, as if the Word of God is the lie.

**Remember:** the Word of God can and is supported by the Books of the Bible, whereas the Lies of Satan have not such support.

## Keep Them from Evil

*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

**John 17:15-17**

This verse gives support to what I said earlier. **The word of God is truth**, and the word of God is holy, therefore to be holy is to be truth, to be truth is to be holy. God's Holy Gospel is God's True Word, and can be found in the books of the Bible.

What Jesus is praying to God the Father for is that all those that come to be the Saints of God, be kept out of the temptation and other evil that the world (Satan) will pass before them.

*As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.* **John 17:18-19**

*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.* **John 17:20-21**

Jesus is praying for all who become the Saints of God from his day through all the generations forward.

*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.* **John 17:22-23**

*Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.* **John 17:24-25**

*And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.* **John 17:26**

It is true that Jesus when asked what the name of God is responded with "Jehovah," but the primary accomplishment of Jesus was all that he taught, that we of future generations might learn from his teachings and believe as did the Apostles. The name "Jehovah" is translated to mean, "The almighty God." This being the truth, then the name "Jehovah" is more of a title or a statement of fact rather than a name.

## One with Jesus

To declare yourself "One with Jesus," is to declare that you have studied and accepted the teachings of Jesus and have embrace those teachings and endeavor to live your life as Jesus taught that we should. What then was the greatest thing that Jesus taught? "STOP!" Don't read anymore until you answer that question for yourself. Then continue to the next lesson, where I will show you the correct answer as it is given in the Books of the Bible.