

Lesson 1

Getting to Know God

How I present God's Truth

Think of me as a lawyer, and you are the Jury. God has been slandered by Satan, and has given me the service of presenting God's testimony so as to defend his Honor and his Character. I will show you evidence, from the Bible as well as from historical documents, to support all comments and interpretations that I make. It is your job as the Jury, to decide if the evidence I show gives validation to my interpretations and comments and thereby vindicates God from Satan's lies.

I had been seeking God diligently, for several months after I had the dream, which I have shown in a separate chapter. Then, with complete surprise, God touched me. With this touch all that I had read, and researched came into perfect harmony. What I mean is that before his touch, I had knowledge, but it was scattered and without coherent connection one with the other. I had knowledge, but I did not see God's truth.

I wanting to know the truth, and not just bits and pieces, had become distraught. Even though what I had already read made sense to me, it still didn't clarify all that I had learned into a symmetric wholeness of understanding, I realized that I was not just looking for knowledge of God's Truth, I was looking for God.

Asking God for Forgiveness

This shortfall suggested to me, that though God was calling out to me, I still needed to prove to him that I wished to worship him as he commanded, before complete understanding could be achieved. It came to me, that I had not yet asked God's forgiveness of my life of sins.

Sitting down, I began to force into my memory, all the sins I had committed since I was around twelve years old. I was 57 at the time, so there was a lot of recall necessary before I was convinced that I had most of

my sins remembered, and could thereby reveal not only to God, but to those of my family that I love, as well as to myself, the evil that I had done.

With this memory fresh in my mind, I sat down with the Bible close at hand, and prayed to God. I asked God to forgive me, for all those sins I now remembered and all those that I did not remember.

I told God, through earnest sincerity, that I wished to worship him as he told me to, and I sought his truth. I asked God, to help me discern truth from Satan's lies, because by myself, I did not seem able to do so. I told God that I would give the rest of my life to the service of him, the God of Creation, but not as I perceived he needed me, but I invited him to lead me to whatever form that service might take.

After a time, I was sitting watching a Bible study lesson on the television, when God touched me. I am certain, had I not been sitting down, I would have fallen to the floor. The touch was physical, mental, as well as spiritual. The power of it, suddenly brought all that I had studied into harmony, and understanding. From that point on, I have been zealous in my attempt to show to others, especially my family that which God has shown to me.

God has answered my prayer, and the following is given to me, to pass on to all who would chose to read, and all those who seek God, as I do.

Before you begin reading, I want you to know, these writings are nothing more than a tool. With this tool you can, if you desire it, find the beginning to the Path of Righteousness. These words will only show you the entrance to the path however. The path itself can only be followed if you allow Jesus to lead you down it. I can show you the entrance, but the journey is yours to walk, and only with Jesus by your side will you be able to keep to the path and not falter or slip off.

Jesus Is the Way

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

What this verse means to me is that you must accept Jesus as your teacher, taking the direction from him, in your life, but also in your education in the study of the Bible. Allow Jesus, to show you what he needs you to know, and then go there and follow his instruction. One of the ways that God-Jesus speaks to me is through my reading of the Bible. The Bible is God's living word. When you place yourself in God's hands, he will answer your questions with the words from the Bible.

The First Question I asked God

Does God tell us how we must worship Him?

Have you ever asked the question, **“How am I supposed to worship God?”** There are so many religions, that tell us that they are the true faith, but there is only One God, so I am left to believe that there can only be One True Worship of God.

In prayer I asked God, **“How do you want me to worship you?”** He answered my prayer by showing me the answer through Bible Study. In the words of the Bible, God talks to us, this is why the Bible is called “The Living Word of God, and the Holy Ghost.”

The Elements of Love

When I asked the above question God led me to the following verse in the Bible.

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

It is my opinion that it is necessary in order to learn to love someone you first need to get to know them. If you see someone that you are attracted to, you might say that is **“Love at First Sight,”** but until you get to know the kind of person they are, can you really say that you are in love with them? Do not confuse physical attraction with love; this is a big mistake most people have when they first meet someone.

As a kid growing up, I found myself attracted to God, but I never considered myself as actually loving him. I felt the same way about God, when I first began my Bible Study in 2007. As I began to read the Bible,

now that I am in my late 50's, I came to see the kind of personality he has, as well as his character. The more I got to know God the more I found myself loving him.

Who is God?

Through my study I have found that God is a moral being, with a kind and loving character, these are the two personality traits I have always looked for in people as well, and when I saw them in God I fell in love with him soon after.

In the Image of God

I have been told by many that you cannot give God humanistic qualities; after all, God is an omnipresent being, not human. I would like to remind anyone who thinks this, that it is God who made "Man" in his image. That does not mean that God looks like a human, in his outward physical appearance, but that those personality traits, we call humanistic are in fact godly personality traits. It is this that makes us in his image, not our outward appearance. When God made Man in his image, he took an animal of the earth and made Man a living soul, this gave Man Godly traits. When you call someone humane you are in fact calling him Godly.

God tells us to "Love Me, Obey Me, and Worship Me." For me to be able to do this I first needed to know who God was. In prayer I asked God to show me his personality and his character. In answer he brought to my mind the following verses.

The Personality and Character of God

As you might recall, Moses asked the same question of God in the Book of Exodus, and it was to that book that God referred me in answer to my prayer. What was revealed to me in Exodus is more than I had expected.

For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. **Exodus 33:16**

This is Moses asking of God, “If you do not remain with your people, then how will your people, be known to have found grace in your sight, as separate from all other people on the earth?”

*And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. **Exodus 33:17***

God responds to Moses, that he will make it so; and that Moses and his people will be known to the entire world to be special and separate from all others.

*And he (Moses) said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. **Exodus 33:18***

Moses is asking God to reveal himself. Moses wants to see what God looks like, but more than that, Moses wants to know God, who he is. This is essentially the first question I asked God, “**How do you want me to worship you?**”

As used in the above verse, “**Glory**” is defined as:

1. An achievement, something that brings or confers admiration, praise, honor, or fame upon someone.
2. Praise and thanksgiving offered as an act of worship to a deity.
3. Beauty that inspires feelings of wonder or joy.

*And he (God) said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. **Exodus 33:19***

God responds to Moses by saying he will make all his goodness pass before him. The word “Goodness” is the English word that replaces the Hebrew word, “**Tuwb,**” which means; Beauty, Gladness, Welfare, and Joy. These to me represent personality traits, and not just outward appearances.

*And he (God) said “Thou canst see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.” **Exodus 33:20***

God cannot show Moses his face, for to do so would kill Moses.

*And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: **Exodus 33:21***

*And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen. **Exodus 33:22-23***

I have mentioned before, my impatience with those who set up the verse numbering system in the Bible, that they too often break up paragraphs and connected explanations by these inappropriate numberings.

This is true of these verses. I believe that the first verse of Chapter 34 should have been included in Chapter 33. They continue the discussion between Moses and God on Mount Sinai, and therefore should be included as part of that same conversation. Perhaps you will agree with me as I give explanation this next verse.

*And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first table, which thou brakest. **Exodus 34:1***

The word “**Glory,**” is the English word that replaces the Hebrew word, “**Kabowd or Kabod,**” which means, magnificence, carriage, honour. If you take all three definitions into consideration, not only is God revealing his outward appearance to Moses, but his Honor as well. Honor is defined as, something or someone worthy of respect. So you see God isn't only showing Moses what he looks like, but his personality and character as well.

The appearance or image of God

They are still on Mount Sinai, and God has just revealed his outward appearance to Moses, and now the very next thing he says is to prepare two new tables of stone, so he can write the Ten Commandments upon them. When God said, “**I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee,**” he is referring to The Ten Commandments, and they are the second half of revealing himself to Moses.

First God showed Moses his back parts, and then the very next thing God talks about is replacing the tables of stone that had the Ten Commandments upon them. This tells me, that the Ten Commandments are God's personality, his character, his Glory, his Honor and his name. When God tells us that we shall not take

the name of the Lord in vain, it is to all that the Ten Commandments stand for which gives definition to who God is. Do not take any aspect of the Ten Commandments in vain; else you break the Third Commandment.

An Introduction of God

In that light, I give you the following verses from the **Book of Proverbs**. For me, they are an introduction to us, of Christ, by God.

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. **Proverbs 8:14**

If you seek direction in life, if you wish to know why you are, and for what purpose you live, through the diligent study of the Bible, and then in worship of God as he commands, you will find these answers. By coming to know who God is, you will find yourself, and your purpose, and through this knowledge or understanding, you will acquire God's strength to go with you the rest of your life.

By me king's reign and princes decree justice, by me, prince's rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. **Proverbs 8:15-16**

It is by the will of God that Kings reign, but for God's will, do they rule. The truth of this can be found in the Book of Daniel, and the relationship between God and the King Nebuchadnezzar. I highly advise reading this, Daniel Chapter 4, as it shows a haughty arrogant King humbled by the God of Creation.

I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17**

The word **“early”** as used in this verse is defined as: **produced at, or representing a not very advanced stage in the development of somebody or something, to be due, to be expected, or requested to happen in the very near future.** This definition made no sense to me in context to what God is talking about, so I decided to look up the word early in the Bible Concordance. The word **“Early”** is the English word that replaces the Hebrew word **“shachar”**, which means: **to seek for with implied earnestness, to search for with painstaking diligence, to be diligent in a search for something.**

To put this definition into the context of what God is saying, it means to diligently study and research for God's truth. If you seek God diligently, then you are engaged in the study of the Bible and the research of history and astronomy, as they are given importance in understanding the Bible.

What is God trying to tell me?

The word "diligently" is defined as: through careful research, industrious investigation. In other words, just reading the Bible as you would a novel or history book, will not suffice, you must research, using care not to take things out of context, and always asking the question, "What is God trying to tell me?"

In the above verse, God tells us that he "Loves" those who seek him diligently. By knowing the definition of what God calls "love," you will gain insight and understanding of who he is. In this study I will reveal how God defines Love, as to what he means by the phrase, "Love Me."

Knowledge of God is Riches

Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. Proverbs 8:18-19

The Earthly riches you gain while in this life are worthless in acquiring entry into heaven. A servant of God is given riches from God far greater than any Earthly riches, wealth, or power ever achieved by any Emperor, or King that has ever lived on this world. Just think of it this way, when you die, nothing you have acquired in this life in the form of wealth, power, even prestige goes with you into your grave. Even if you are buried with all your wealth, it still stays on the Earth along with your bones. It has no value is purchasing your passage into heaven or eternal life.

On the other hand, if you give worship to God as he commands and live your life in the kind of moral character that God commands that you do, then you will acquire the kind of wealth that will pay your passage into heaven.

As used above the word **“Righteousness”** means: strictly observant of morality, always behaving according to a moral code. Therefore, when God says that he will **pay you for your service to him with righteousness,** it means that you will acquire a firm **“Moral Base”** to live your mortal life as well as your immortal life by.

Thomas saith unto him, “Lord, we know not wither thou goest; and how can we know the way?” **John 14:5**

Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” **John 14:6**

I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: **Proverbs 8:20**

Jesus tells us, **“Only the Righteous shall come before the Father,”** which is to say, that if you are not righteous then you will be excluded from heaven. This is given support in the above verse; **I lead in the way of righteousness.**

If Jesus is the way to the Lord, and Jesus leads in the way of righteousness, then only the righteous shall come before the Father.

Though these words in Proverbs were written a thousand years before the birth of Jesus, they sound a lot like Jesus speaking. Jesus is the way of righteousness. There is only one path that leads to salvation, but there are many paths that lead to Judgment. The **“Way of Righteousness”** is the path to salvation, the **“Path of Judgment”** leads to damnation.

If in your effort to find God, you pray to God for direction in your study, he will show you the way. As he is telling you here, only he can show you the true way to righteousness, and by that to salvation. This is a warning from him to you; do not look to others for guidance and understanding, such as a priest, pastor, or ordained minister, only Christ can show you the true path. To receive his direction and instruction you need to ask him for it, and then be prepared to follow where he guides you to go.

To ask your pastor or other ordained minister, is alright to a point, **but pray to God as you read,** ask him the questions that arise in your study, he will give you the true answer. Just remember, the minister or

priest you go to for direction is still only a man, and how do you know if he has been lied to, so that he believes he is in service to God but that in fact he is in service to Satan's False Gospel?

Be patient in God's reply to your questions, God talks to us, but you must attune yourself to hear him, for if you have no patience then you might not be able to hear what he says over the noise of that impatience. When I pray to God, most of the answers he gives to me come from my study of the Bible. I do not read a Book or even a chapter from page one to the end, I read where God guides me to read. What this has done is cause me to jump all over the various books of the Bible in no apparent logical pattern, but in time the knowledge gained gives answer to the questions I had asked. Like I said, you have to be willing to follow God where he gives you direction; he will show you what he needs for you to know.

Finding the Path to Righteousness

There are many paths to judgment, only the path of righteousness will lead you directly to salvation. To be righteous is to be right, the word of God is right; therefore, **the word of God is the path of righteousness.** Only Jesus can show you that path.

Remember: Satan is attempting to lie to you, and through his influence of others, he will lead you astray. Satan has established a false Christ, the anti-Christ, and through it he will make you think you are worshiping God, but you will be worshiping the false Christ instead.

*That I may cause **those that love me** to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. **Proverbs 8:21***

Once more we are confronted with the fact that only those who **"Love Me,"** will inherit substance. Do you not agree with me, that knowing the full meaning of the phrase **"Love Me,"** is indeed important in any worship of God if that knowledge is needed to inherit substance?

An Introduction from Christ

*The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. **Proverbs 8:22***

What Christ is saying here is that he is everlasting to everlasting just as God is.

*I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. **Proverbs 8:23***

I see this as a partial explanation of whom and what Christ is. **I was set up**, suggests to me, that Christ is the essence or personality of God, which is to say, that at the first, God has had this same personality and as he was then he is now and he will be in time to come.

*When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water, before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor 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. **Proverbs 8:24-30***

The Father Son Relationship

I interpret verses 8:22 through 8:30 as being the Son of God explaining who he is, his relationship between the Father and the Son, and that the two are one, and have been together since before the universe we know, ever was. This was for me the first time God introduced himself to me, which also gave me insight into his personality and character.

Even though the wording suggests two individuals, in fact God is both the Son and the Father. Jesus is a man of flesh and blood, but that is only his outward shell, Christ is also the spirit of God, or God's personality, The Christ is within the flesh and bone of the man Jesus, which is to say that Jesus is God in the flesh of a Man.

When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment. As with the planets, the stars and the galaxies, as I revealed in the Essay, God's Creation; these words are telling me that it is God who gave commandment or established the rules by which the waters of this Earth function. The mechanics of the world work the way they do, because God made them work that way.

Sons of Man

Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men. **Proverbs 8:31**

In the above verse, God gives us insight as to why he even has a care about the affairs of men. God created the universe, but he did not stop there, God also gave life to this world we call Earth. God is life, and only through him does life exist. In giving life, God gave a part of himself, which is why it is said that God is in all of us, for if God removes himself from us, we would no longer have life, and then we would return to the inanimate atoms that this universe is made of.

Whenever God uses words like, “The sons of men,” he is referring to the offspring of the animal known as Man as opposed to one of the other animals of the Earth. This is to reveal the special place that God has given Man in the natural world as opposed to the other animals of this world.

To be Blessed of God

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. **Proverbs 8:32**

Having introduced himself to us, Christ now gives us instruction as well as a warning. The phrase “keep my ways,” is another way of saying “Keep my Commandments,” for as I will be showing you, his ways, his personality, his character, are all shown to us within the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus Christ. Take note that God tells us that those who in fact do keep his ways, will be and are blessed by him. I don’t know about you, but I would rather have God’s blessing than his scorn or wrath.

Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **Proverbs 8:33**

If you have intelligence, and know how to use it, listen to God’s instruction, and do not dismiss or refuse it. Through his instruction, you will be shown the path to righteousness. Accept the Word of God as truth, so when something spoken by God contrasts something you have believed since childhood, accept God’s Word, and turn from the lie that you have long believed, which contradicts the Word of God.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

Proverbs 8:34

Good fortune will befall those who hear God's words, and accept them, and who live their lives based on God's instruction. Not all of us will find God, as I have said you must search with diligence and look to God for direction. No one, not even you, can search for God through your own arrogance or presupposed understanding. You must allow God to lead you, and go as he shows you to go, seeking out God using diligent study and research, yes, but also in prayer to God for his guidance.

Those who seek and find God find eternal life

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord. Proverbs 8:35

To find God is to come to know God, and in knowing him, then learn to love him, which leads to obeying him and worshiping him as he commands that we do. Through obedience to God you will earn life eternal, whereas to deny God or to be disobedient to the Word of God is to know eternal death.

But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. Proverbs 8:36

If you sin against God, rather than keeping his commandments, then you injure your own soul, in that you will not be given life eternal. When God refers to all who hate him, he is referring to all who refuse to keep his commandments. You can say that you love God, but if you do not keep his commandments, as he insists that you do, then you really don't love him at all, for you are in disobedience to him when you refuse to keep his commandments. For God there is only Love Him or Hate Him, there is no third possibility. God sees only Black and White, Right and Wrong, Good and Evil; there are no Gray area as far as God is concerned.

Another Introduction of God

For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or that been heard like it? Deuteronomy 4:32

Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

Deuteronomy 4:33

*Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? **Deuteronomy 4:34***

Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God, there is none else beside him.

Deuteronomy 4:35

In these verses from Deuteronomy, God is speaking to the people that Moses led out of Egypt, but the introduction given here is relevant to all who wish to worship the true God, the God of Creation.

The words, *“that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God, there is none else beside him,”* needs to be remembered. There is a false god, who has lied and deceived us. So successful has he been at these lies that we think we are worshiping the real god, when in fact we are worshiping Satan.

Jesus Two Commandments

With these introductions in mind I began to “Diligently,” study the Bible. While I was studying the Bible, God brought to my attention the following phrase: “Love Me”, and the awareness that this is the predominant request that God and his son The Christ Jesus asks of us. “Love Me,” is also the theme of the two commandments that the Christ Jesus gave to his disciples, and to us.

*Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” **Matthew 22:36-40***

This theme of Love is repeated in the following verses.

*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. **Mark 12:30-31***

The question for me was, **“How do you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?”** Do I just say, “I love you Lord, God, creator of the universe, and I accept that you came to live amongst us in the flesh of a Man, the Christ Jesus, and are my savior and redeemer.” Or is something more required as a showing or manifestation of my love? After all there are several religions, that call themselves Christian, and of course the Jewish and Muslim religions and they all claim that they are the true faith. However, there is only One God, so I have to believe that there can be only one true faith. The true faith, the true way of worshiping God, has to be the one that he himself has told us of.

How do we Manifest Love?

The question still persists, **“How do I manifest this love,”** as asked for in Jesus’ First Commandment? Do I just say, “Yes, I love God, and Yes, I love The Christ Jesus, and I accept him as my savior?” Will just this insure my entrance into Heaven and eternal life?

Though one who is educated in the teachings of the Bible has told me, yes, this is all I must do, that does not seem right to me, and a nagging question still arises. How do I manifest my love for God, as well as my neighbor, as the Christ Jesus told us to do?

This gives me cause to define Love, as part of researching diligently that which I read. The American Heritage dictionary has many different definitions of the word love, but the one that seems best associated with this question is, **“To have a deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward.”**

Wanting to be sure that I understood the definition, I looked up the definition for the word ineffable, which is, **“Incapable of being expressed; indescribable or unutterable.”** I also decided to look up the word solicitude, just to be certain I understood its meaning, the Dictionary tells us solicitude is **“A cause of anxiety or concern.”**

With this information, a more complete definition of the word LOVE arises, “To have a deep tender, indescribable, and unutterable feeling of affection and anxiety or concern toward.”

I ask you, the reader, does that definition help you to understand how to manifest your love for God? It doesn't help me all that much. I suggest we look for the meaning of Love, in a biblical perspective. After all, God and Jesus both tell us to love them, so doesn't it stand to reason that they have told us how to manifest this love? It is with this in mind that God gave me answer to my prayer, “How do you want me to worship you?”

Love Me

By way of my computerized copy of the Bible, I looked up all the occasions that the phrase, “LOVE ME” is found in the Bible. Several occurrences were found, of which only one did not relate to our loving of God or the Christ Jesus. I have listed them below.

Verse Numbering System

Before I list them, I want to issue a warning about something I have discovered while reading the Bible. When the Catholic Monks, during the dark ages, went to the difficult task of numbering the verses in the Bible, they quite often broke up sentences and paragraphs with the verse numbering system that in many occasions broke up a thought or explanation. This has caused me, in the past, before I realized the problem, to assume the sentence or paragraph had ended, and a new one began. This resulted in my not understanding the full context that a verse was related to. Therefore I suggest that you keep an eye on the punctuation and less on the verse numbering system. This will let you know if the sentence or thought is complete or not. The verse numbering system is great for quickly locating specific verses, but it is a hindrance to gaining understanding of God's intended meaning.

This problem is evident in the first occurrence of the phrase, “Love Me.” They have divided this single thought or paragraph into three verses. But when you allow for the punctuation, the true and complete meaning shows through.

First Love Me

Love or Hate

*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 thy-self 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***

This of course is the Second of the Ten Commandments. I want to point something out here before I continue. When you read these three verses, did you notice that God defines what it means to love him and what the opposite of loving him is? In verse 20:5, the last words are **“OF THEM THAT HATE ME.”** This is as opposed to those who love him which are the same as those who obey his commandments as given in verse 20:4 and 20:5. In other words, **if you obey God by keeping his commandments, you show your love for him**, whereas if you do not obey him by not keeping his commandments, you show your hatred for him.

In my study of the Bible, I have found the following to be a truism for God; either you love God by obeying him or you hate God, by not obeying him, it is that simple, Black and White, no Gray areas, either you obey him thus showing your love, or you disobey him, showing your hatred of him. I have found in reading the Bible that this truism has to do with respect. If you show respect for someone, you show a form of love, if you show disrespect for someone you show your hatred of them.

Did you notice one other thing in the above verses? The very first occurrence of **“Love Me,”** is found in the Ten Commandments. I consider this a pointer from God. In other words, he is talking to us, directly as if the Bible is an interactive medium, like a text message is between you and your friends. What he is telling us is that the act of showing your love for God is centered on his Ten Commandments.

These three verses, Exodus 20:4 through 20:6, seems to say it all quit concisely. The way to manifest your love for God, is to keep his commandments, Simple right? I think not, there are hundreds of commandments, and then there is the following.

The Apostle John defines Love

*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also this is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. **I John 5:1-3***

Everyone that loveth him that begat refers to God for he begat Jesus, whereas the phrase, *“Loveth him also that is begotten of him,”* refers to Jesus, the Son of God.

In this verse the Apostle John gives definition of what it means to love God. That definition is in the keeping of the Ten Commandments. If you say that you love God, or that you love Jesus, but do not keep his Ten Commandments, then you are a liar. What John is saying is that only by keeping God’s Ten Commandments are you manifesting your love for Jesus and through Jesus our father in heaven, God the Creator.

It is very clear to me that the Apostle John equates our love for God with the need to keep the Ten Commandments. If the Apostle John considers the keeping of the Ten Commandments so important, then why do so many who call themselves Christian, tell me that the Ten Commandments were but a temporary arrangement between God and the Jews, but as Christians we are above the law? I suggest that those who so believe are in fact deceived by Satan’s Lies.

Remember: If you do not give worship to God “Exactly” as God commands, then you do not worship the God of Creation at all.

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **I John 5:4***

The “**World**” as spoken of here is another way of saying “**The ways of Satan.**” Our faith is based on the Ten Commandments, for it is in the Ten Commandments that God gives definition as to how we are to worship him, and also gives us his six moral imperatives by which we are required to live our lives, whereby if we do, we will manifest our love and be “One with God.”

Satan Lies

Many Christians are told by their churches that the Ten Commandments were fulfilled by Jesus upon the Cross, thereby rendering them obsolete, and they further believe that as a Christians the Ten Commandments do not apply to Christians, that they were but a temporary arrangement between the Jews and God.

Within the Ten Commandments God provides us with elements of morality, six of those commandments reflect God's own morality. The morality that Jesus teaches expands upon those Six, which tells me that the Commandments of God are not fulfilled to the point of being rendered obsolete, and that they instead are the foundation of any true and righteous worship of God. This I am convinced is given support by Jesus himself.

Jesus Fulfills the Laws of God

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Jesus is telling us with his own words that he has not come to **destroy** the law or the prophets. Either you believe the words of Jesus or you believe Satan's lies.

Have you ever given consideration to what Jesus means when he says he is come to **fulfill**? I can understand the fulfilling of the Laws, but what does Jesus mean when he refers to fulfilling the prophets? The dictionary tells us that the word **fulfill** means; **to complete, or to bring to completion**, in no way does this definition suggest that it has to be rendered obsolete when it is brought to completion.

I ask the question, how do you bring prophets to completion not to mention destroy them? This brings us to another question, what is Jesus talking about when he refers to the prophets? What is a prophet? Because Jesus is talking about prophets, we must assume that he is referring to the Prophets of God. This then causes me to ask, "**What a prophet of God is?**" In what way do you destroy or bring to completion the prophets of God?

The prophets were men that God gave instruction to, who then wrote down that which God instructed them to write down. In what way do you fulfill a man who is long dead? I therefore have to assume it is not the

men that Jesus is referring to but the work that they performed. The prophets of God wrote the books of the Bible. The Books of the Bible are the Holy Gospel of God. If Jesus is telling us that he has NOT come to destroy the Books of the Bible but to bring them to completion, then how does he accomplish this?

The Books that make up the Old Testament are incomplete by themselves. There are many things spoken of in those books that are not fully understood until you read the books of the New Testament and there are things spoken of in the books of the New Testament that are not fully understood until you refer back to the books of the Old Testament.

The teachings of Jesus and his prophecies are what gave stimulus to the Apostles and Prophets since Jesus to write the books of the New Testament. It is in the writing of the Books of the New Testament that Jesus has brought the prophets to fulfillment. Jesus has finished that which was incomplete. The Gospel of God and the teachings provided by God's Holy Word were brought to completion (fulfilled) by the writings of the books of the New Testament. How then would you think that these new books and those of the Old Testament should be thrown out or no longer given consideration when seeking God?

Think Not that I am come to Destroy the Law

What does it mean to destroy, and how can you destroy laws and an even greater question how do you destroy the prophets? If you place a ceramic dish on a table, and begin pounding on it with a rod, you will succeed in destroying the dish by reducing it into a million shards of dust.

How do you destroy the laws of God however? One way to destroy a law is to pass a new law that renders the original law obsolete. Jesus has not written any new laws; in fact Jesus gives discussion concerning the Commandments of God, and even expands upon their meaning. This is not how to destroy nor to rewrite, but to fulfill. Therefore, the meaning of what Jesus is talking about revolves around the definition of the word fulfill. This tells me that what Jesus is telling us is that the Ten Commandments and the Books of the Old Testament are incomplete, and that he has come to bring them to completion.

Another way to destroy a law is to have a higher authority determine that the law is obsolete or contrary to the will of that higher authority. Jesus is not a higher authority to God he is God and there is no higher

authority than God. The laws of God were written by him, the Father and the Son, so there is no higher authority. Jesus tells us that he has **NOT** come to destroy the laws; therefore the laws remain in effect.

There is one who intends on destroying or rewriting the laws of God, and that is Satan. Satan has no authority to change the laws of God, but he being the evil being that he is, has attempted to do so, just the same.

Consider This: if God hasn't changed any of the laws that he has established, and Jesus the Christ has expanded upon the meaning of those laws as a way of enhancing them, and not to destroy them, then don't you think it wise of you to obey the Word of God, and to look suspiciously at anything that tells you that the laws of God no longer apply to Christians?

Till Heaven and Earth Pass

If you don't believe me concerning the Law, Jesus answers this for us. Perhaps you will believe Jesus.

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." **Matthew 5:18**

What Jesus is saying in this verse is that the laws still remain the laws, and that no part of those laws will pass from the law, until all be fulfilled.

I am convinced that the **"law"** of which Jesus speaks is the Ten Commandments exclusively. Jesus does render obsolete some of the laws written by the hand of Moses, such as those that apply to the sacrifice of animals, but not all of them. Jesus does not in any way shape or form, as written in the Bible; render obsolete any of God's Ten Commandments.

One of these least commandments

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**

You see, Jesus is giving warning to those who think that the laws of God are obsolete and gives a threat to those who also teach others that the laws of God have been rendered obsolete.

Have you ever given consideration to what it means to “break one of these least commandments”? What Jesus is saying here is that there are Ten Commandments, and to break even one of them is to break all of them. We cannot pick and choose which Commandments to keep, either we keep all and are thereby Righteous in the eyes of God, or we chose which commandments we intend to keep and thereby create a worship for a god of our own invention, because it isn't the God of Creation you worship if you worship him in any way other than that which he commands that we worship him.

The following is an example that Jesus gives to give clarity to this verse.

But he (Jesus) answered and said unto them, “Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?” **Matthew 15:3**

For God commanded, saying, “Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.” **Matthew 15:4**

But ye say, (the temple elders), “Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;” **Matthew 15:5**

And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.” **Matthew 15:6**

Do you see how these verses reflect on the meaning of what Jesus is saying in **Matthew 5:19**?

The commandment that Jesus is referring to is the Fifth Commandment, “Honor your mother and Father,” and because of the traditions established by the temple elders, specifically, the tradition that if a child would give a donation to the temple, which in doing so, would free them of the sin of not giving the donation to the support of the parents, which in practice is in direct opposition to the Fifth Commandment and the will of God.

There is no place in scripture that gives support to this tradition, as it was established by the Temple Elders, yet the temple elders established it and promoted it. Just think about it, when a child gives support to his

parents as God commands, then the temple receives no revenue, but when the temple receives the money that should have gone to the support of the parents, then the temple gains wealth. The tradition established by the temple elders was therefore a lie, to bring wealth into the temple at the expense of the elderly parents. Jesus uses this to show how the tradition was a violation of the Fifth Commandment, but as you can see; the lie was equally a violation of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Commandments.

To me this is proof that the temple elders were under the influence of Satan. It was their job, given to them by God, to preach the gospel to the people so that the people would not stray from God's True Word, but instead it was the temple elders that had strayed from God's Holy Gospel, thus corrupting the people.

The Last of these Commandments

Another example that gives understanding to what Jesus is speaking of is the observance of the Sabbath on a day of the week other than the one that God has spelled out in Chapter 2 of the Book of Genesis and the **Fourth Commandment**.

The Seventh Day

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **Genesis 2:1-3***

As you can see, it is very clear that God rested on the **Seventh Day**, not the First Day. It is also very clear that God "**Blessed**" the seventh day. It is also clear that God "**Sanctified**" the seventh day as well. To "**Bless**" is to make holy, to "**Sanctify**" is to set aside as a special occasion, and in this case, God is setting aside the **seventh day** so that it is to be **free of sin**. No other day of the week has ever been made holy or sanctified by God; only the "Seventh Day" holds that honor.

Fourth Commandment

Remember *the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.*

*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. **Exodus 20:8-11***

First God tells us to remember. **To remember** means that we have already been told something, and we are now being instructed to remember that which we were previously told. When I first understood this, I asked the question, “Where in the Bible prior to these verses did God tell us about the **“Sabbath Day?”**”

I have an electronic copy of the King James Bible, so I did a word check for all the occasions where the word **“Sabbath”** comes up in the Bible. I was surprised to find that the first occasion was in the above verses of the Fourth Commandment.

In that we are being told to remember the Sabbath Day, and it was never spoken of prior to this same verse, left me bewildered. How am I to remember something if I have never been told of it before?

Remember: God tells us to **seek diligently**; therefore I decided to find where in the Bible that God made a day holy.

Remember: God is instructing us to remember the Day of the Sabbath and not the observation of the event.

The only day that God has ever made Holy or Sanctified is spoken of in Genesis 2:1-3 as I have given it above. This tells me that God is pointing to these chapters and to the Seventh Day as being the only holy day of the week. It is therefore the Seventh Day that God has given the name Sabbath to. Just as we now call the seventh day of the week Saturday, it was first given the name by God of Sabbath.

Christian Error

As with the tradition of the temple elders, this tradition of observing the first day as the day of Sabbath is in direct opposition to the Word of God. Those who call themselves Christians, which has them observing the Sabbath on the First Day of the week, do so even though it has no basis in scripture. You will find nothing in scripture where God or Jesus gives either command or instruction to any other day of the week being made Holy or Sanctified. That the Christians observe the first day of the week (Sunday) as the Sabbath, is in direct opposition to the will and the laws of God as spelled out in the above verses of the Seventh Day of Creation and the Fourth Commandment. Therefore, the Christians who keep the First Day Sabbath do not worship God as he commands, according to God's Holy Gospel, but they worship God according to Satan's False Gospel. If God did not speak it, then it is a lie.

Hypocrites

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias 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." **Matthew 15:7-8**

Do you understand? Jesus just called those who think that they worship God but do not do as God commands, hypocrites. This applies to those who call themselves Jew or Christian that has established customs and traditions that are in opposition to the Word of God. If you are a Christian and observe the first day of the week as the Sabbath, then Jesus thinks of you as a hypocrite. Do you keep Sunday as the Sabbath? If you do then you are in opposition to the Word of God, and as such Jesus thinks of you as a hypocrite. Is that really how you want Jesus to think of you? Repent your sins, learn the truth, and seek for God diligently.

These Christian who are deceived by Satan, give lip service to Jesus and his teachings, but their actions reveal that their heart is far from the true worship of God. I have encountered several people that when I show them the truth as spelled out by God in the words of the Bible, still reject what I have shown them, preferring to continue in their error filled false worship. They refuse to see that to worship God in any way that is not as God has commanded, is to not worship God at all. If you worship, and it is not God to whom you worship, then who are you giving your worship to?

But in vain they do worship me

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

These deceived Christians may think that they worship God, but that worship is in vain. If you do not worship God as he commands, by his pleasure, then you do not worship God at all. The Commandments of men is synonymous with Satan's False Gospel.

*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 5:20***

Remember: what the word "righteousness" means, those who keep Gods Ten Commandments, and live according to God' s morality and are therefore righteous in the eyes of God.

What Jesus is teaching us here is that you will never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, if you keep or practice anything that puts you into opposition to God because of a tradition that is not founded upon the laws of God, (The Ten Commandments).

God has given us commandments, it is for us to keep those commandments as he God has spoken them, neither adding to their meaning, nor subtracting from their meaning. In short, **"Do Not Put Words into the Mouth of God."**

The above four verses, (**Matthew 5:17 through 20**), are very often taken out of context, one to the other. It is in this way how **Satan** tells some of his lies. Do you fully understand what Jesus is telling us in the above four verses?

Jesus Says:

Whoever breaks even the least of the Commandments, and teaches others to do so, will never enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The Laws of Moses are those written by the hand of a man, temporary, and therefore not meant to endure forever. However the Laws or Commandments of God are those written by the finger of God in tables of stone, indicating that they are to endure forever.

Remember: God's Truism, if God spoke it, then it is true, if God did not speak it then it is a lie. That Jesus has spoken words that you can read in the Bible, then you know them to be true, but when you hear words spoken and being told that they are of God, which are not found in the Bible, or cannot be supported by anything that is written in the Bible, then they are lies. The Bible is God's Holy Gospel, all be it slightly tainted by Satan's lies. The word gospel means words, or God's Holy Words.

The Law of God or the Law of Moses

Even though the Bible is slightly tainted, God's truth can still be found through diligent study and research. To show you that there is a difference between the Laws of God, (The Ten Commandments), and the Laws of Moses, consider the following.

*Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. **II Chronicles 33:8***

As you can see, God separates the words "**Whole law**" from the words "**statutes and ordinances,**" by the word "**and**." The word "**and**", as used in this place, signifies that the two are separate in consideration, and therefore not equal. The verse then goes on to tell us that those laws that constitute statutes and ordinances, were those that were written by the hand of Moses. You see, those laws and commandments written by the hand of man, "**Moses,**" are only statutes and ordinances as far as God-Jesus is concerned, whereas the laws of God are eternal, which is what is meant when you say that something is written in stone.

Jesus Expands upon the Ten Commandments

Concerning whether the Ten Commandments have been fulfilled to the point of being rendered obsolete or not, Jesus tells us the following, which for me supports that the Ten Commandments have not been rendered obsolete.

Thou Shalt not Kill

*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **Matthew 5:21***

*But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment; and whosoever shall say to his brother, Ra'ca shall be in danger of hell fire. **Matthew 5:22***

Let's you and I give consideration as to what Jesus is attempting to teach us in the above verses. In this Jesus is talking about the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." As you can see, Jesus through his teachings has expanded upon the meaning of "Thou shalt not kill," which of course is one of the Ten Commandments. If Jesus teaches us aspects of the Ten Commandments, and not only teaches us but expands upon the meaning, then isn't it correct that we as Saints of God, should live our lives within the frame work of his teachings, that being the Ten Commandments?

What Kind of Anger

In the above verse, this Teaching of Jesus has given me trouble in understanding exactly what Jesus is trying to tell me, so in prayer I asked for clarification, this is what God revealed to me.

What kind of anger must you have for another that would cause Jesus to warn us that it could result in Judgment and hell fire, and that Jesus is comparing it with that of killing someone?

God-Jesus revealed to me that to feel hatred for another with no logical cause, is an aspect of what he is saying in this lesson. If you hate someone who looks different from you, or talks different from you, or whose

customs are different from you, or whose skin is darker or lighter than yours, in short to be a racist, then you are in danger of hells fire, which is what Jesus is warning us about. When someone is a racist, their anger and hatred has no foundation so as to give just cause for their anger. They hate because they hate, with no sense of reason. Therefore Jesus compares this to the killing of someone, because if left to fester and grow, murder is not far behind the hate.

This then gives me proof that **Satan Lied**, when he said that the Ten Commandments were fulfilled to the point of rendering them obsolete when Jesus was nailed to the cross. If that were true, then why does Jesus teach us morality that is based upon the six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments? Why does Jesus teach us that it is a sin to kill, and then expand upon the meaning of that with a warning concerning having anger without cause?

Adultery

The following is yet another example of Jesus teaching elements of the Ten Commandments.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

This is the Seventh Commandment, **“Thou shalt not commit Adultery,”** as well as the Tenth Commandment, **“Thou shalt not covet.”** Once again, Jesus is not just teaching us elements of the Ten Commandments, but he is expanding upon their meaning. What he is telling us here, is that it is not just the physical act of committing adultery or fornication that is a sin, but to think about such activities; to phantasies about such things is a sin as well.

Remember: God gave to Man life and made Man a living soul. In this we are a piece of God; as such he is with us always, whether we rejoice in God’s love, or when we engage in things that put us in opposition to God’s laws. If you take the time to study the wording of the Seventh Commandment, you will discover that all sexual contact other than between a man and his wife, are sinful. In short, Sex outside of marriage is repugnant to God and therefore is a sin.

Divorce

It hath been said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:"

Matthew 5:31

*But I say unto you, "That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." **Matthew 5:32***

In the above verses God-Jesus is making it clear, when you get married it is for life. The only reason that you can divorce your spouse is if your spouse has committed adultery or fornication first. If there is no fornication and you get a divorce, and then you remarry, you are committing adultery with your new spouse, and you are causing your new spouse to commit adultery because of your own sins.

In these days of loose morals, because of Satan's influence, you may not consider it bad to have extramarital sex, but if you wish to worship God as he commands that he be worshiped, then you must accept that all sex outside the holy bonds of matrimony are a sin, to think otherwise is to be one who accepts Satan's lies, making you a child of Satan, and not a child of God.

As God Commands

I'll say it again, to worship God in any way other than as he commands is to not worship God at all, but an invention of your own, which defaults to a worship of Satan.

If you doubt the above statement, then let me show you where it is God who tells us this, just not in the same words as I have used.

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 fathers giveth you. 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 4:1-2

As you can see, God has given us his commandments and through Moses his statutes, then he tells us that these are complete and perfect as given to us by him and that we are not to change them in any way. To me

this mean that we are to give worship of God “**Exactly**” as he God has commanded, neither adding to or subtracting from that which he has commanded.

Thou Shalt Not give false witness

*Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne. Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. **Matthew 5:33-37***

This is the Ninth Commandment, “**Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.**” In these verses Jesus want us to understand that to lie is to invite evil into your heart. God is truth, and as your Father in Heaven, he wants for you to have the same morality that he has, to lie is not as God is, so it is a sin.

As you can see, Jesus is teaching and expanding upon the meaning of the Ten Commandments, he then ties this all in with the second of his two commandments:

Love Your Neighbour

*Ye have heard that it hath been said, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **Matthew 5:43***

*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. **Matthew 5:44***

*That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. **Matthew 5:45***

*For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? **Matthew 5:46***

*And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? **Matthew 5:47***

*Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. **Matthew 5:48***

What Jesus is teaching us here goes as follows:

To forgive and love others is a very high moral trait. If you only love those who love you, then what is the greatness in it? But if you love those that hate you, and abuse you, and pray to God to help them who abuse you, so that they will see his light of truth, then you are up there with God in your perfection of morality.

When you sin, doesn't God still love you? God loves the mean spirited and the vile, just as he loves the righteous. He loves them because they still have potential of repenting their evil ways, and so long as they have a potential, God is willing to forgive once their potential is realized. All who have sinned will be forgiven by God if they only repent those sins and ask God to forgive them.

What Jesus is teaching us here is that we need to have this capacity to love even those who hate us, if we possess this high moral trait, we will then be as God, perfect. You see! All that Jesus has taught us so far have to do with Morality. God is a moral being, and he teaches us his morals in expectation that we will want to emulate him and be moral ourselves as defined by our creator.

The last six of the Ten Commandments have to do with morality, that Jesus is expanding upon those six with all that we have read thus far, is proof to me that, **Satan Lied when he said**, "The Ten Commandments were rendered obsolete by Jesus on the cross." If they are obsolete, then why has Jesus made an effort to teach and expand upon their meaning?

What we have been studying is important, so let's take a quick review of what we have been shown.

*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." **Matthew 5:18***

*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***

*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 5:20***

Did you get that? Whoever breaks even the least of the Commandments, and teaches others to do so also, will never enter into the kingdom of heaven. I am convinced that the least of them that Jesus is referring to is the keeping of the Sabbath. I will be expanding on this throughout these pages.

The Laws of Moses are those written by the hand of a man, temporary, and therefore not meant to endure forever. However the Laws or Commandments of God are those written by the finger of God in tables of stone, indicating that they are to endure forever.

Keep My Commandments

The following is one thing that I would like you to see as well:

*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. **Proverbs 3:1***

In the above verse God-Jesus is explaining to us that we must keep his commandments, not just as law that must be kept, but to keep them in our heart. What this is telling me is that we should keep the Commandments of God not as laws that must be kept, but as you would keep something for which you have love for, in your heart. The Commandments of God include six moral imperatives, these morals are God's morals, and if you love God you must also love his morality, for it is his morality that defines who God is. To truly show your love for someone that you respect, is to want to be like they are, this is how you show honor to someone else, when you keep the laws of God in your heart, you are giving honor to God.

*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 3:2-4***

God wrote the Ten Commandments upon two tables of Stone, in this verse God is telling us to write those same commandments upon the tables of our hearts. Make God's Morality your morality, and in so doing make the laws of God a part of who you are, your personal honor, your personality and your moral character. When you define who you are the same way that God defines who he is, then you are one with God, you are in the Spirit of the Lord your God.

God's Word is Truth

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. **Proverbs 3:5-7**

When you worship as is your understanding from those lessons learned by you over your life time, you are relying on your own understanding. In the above, God is telling you, "Don't do this." You must put your faith in the True Word of God, so that when something that you have believed for your whole life is in conflict with what God tells us in the Bible, then you must accept what God has spoken, and not what you thought it to mean.

If you place the Word of God above all else that you think you know, and accept his word as the truth, and allow his words to direct the path that you take, then you are putting your trust in the Lord. If you refute the Word of God, even after you have been shown his true word, then you are on an evil path, and not a child of God but of Satan.

Only in your faith of the truth of the Word of God, do you show your fear of God, for knowing that to be disobedient to the Word of God will keep you from heaven, should assist you in staying true to God's Will. The Ways of God are defined by his morality, so when God says to keep all his ways, he is saying to be moral as he is moral.

Something More Needed

As you may recall, we began with me showing you all the occasions in the Bible where God or Jesus tell us to "Love Me." The following verse is the second place where this occurs.

And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. **Deuteronomy**

5:10

Once more God couples the plea to **“Love Me,”** with the act of keeping his commandments. In order to manifest something, you need to act upon it. To manifest your love for God, you act on the completion of that showing by keeping his commandments.

This then is the answer to my earlier question, is there something more needed of me than just saying that I love God, and accept Jesus as God in the flesh of a man. The answer is yes there is more; you must manifest your love by obeying God, and that is defined by God by the keeping of his commandments.

God gives Instructions

To understand the full context of what God is telling us, you need to read the following.

Remember! Don't pay attention to the Chapter Verse numbering system, pay attention to the punctuation.

First God tells us what we must not do.

*Thou shalt not make 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 waters beneath the earth: **Deuteronomy 5:8***

Then God defines these things as being a showing of your **hatred** for him if you do them.

*Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto 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. **Deuteronomy 5:9-10***

Then God indicates that he shows mercy on those who do not engage in these things, and defines this as a way of loving him, as well as adding on the condition of keeping his commandments, as a way of manifesting your love for him.

Remember: we are attempting to find the biblical definition of how to give love or to manifest our love for God, these above three verses, gives us that definition, as well as the definition of what it is to show our hatred for God.

Knowledge over Ignorance

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

Once more we find the phrase, “**Love Me.**” I have already given definition to the word “**early**” which will explain why I included in brackets the word “**diligently.**”

Unlike what many religions today advocate, God does not encourage “**Blind Faith,**” which can be defined as:

Don’ t think about it,

Don’ t question what your minister or priest tells you,

Accept what they say and Believe on Faith. This is another way of saying, trust in the knowledge of others, and don’ t take the time to discover the truth for yourself.

This is one of the tools that Satan uses to deceive those in thinking that they are worshiping God the creator, but are in fact worshiping the false god, Satan.

You should always be asking questions, why, why, why. God encourages you to have an intelligent knowledge of him, not to just accept what someone else has told you as being true, blindly, without questioning what you are told.

To obtain **a personal and intimate relationship** with someone, or to come to “**Love**” someone, you need to get to know them personally, and intimately. In order to get to know someone, you need to ask them questions, so as to get insight into their personality and character. If you fall for someone, simply because they look good, then over time you discover that their personality is not compatible with yours; more often than not you will find sadness in your relationship rather than joy.

That is why God has given us the Bible, and his creation the universe, by asking questions then searching for the answers in the Bible, and in the stars, we will get to know him, intimately and personally.

Together, they reveal who God is. The universe reveals his intelligence and inventiveness, and the Bible reveals his personality and character.

What God Desires of us

Learn to know me, Study the Word of God diligently, Find God through personal study and prayer for guidance from God, and the understanding derived from that study.

This is supported by the following verse.

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. **Hosea 5:6***

You see, God is telling us that when you worship out of Blind Faith and not from knowledge you will be destroyed. To be destroyed means to not be redeemed, when you are not redeemed you have the fire of hell to look forward to and the eternal death that is the result of that fire.

God does not want you to be ignorant, but to have knowledge of who he is and what his morality is. Worshiping God from self-obtained knowledge by study and research, along with prayer to God for his guidance, is the kind of worship God desires of us. Blind Faith, is called for by Satan, because we are so easily deceived when we are ignorant of the truth.

Knowledge from the Stars

*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Genesis 1:14***

You see God encourages the study of the universe he created as well as the study of his Bible. For how else can you surmise a sign from God by looking up into the night sky? If you only just looked up and God was giving you a sign, how would you know if it is a sign or a normal regular occurrence? Only by studying the movement of the stars, can you realize that something unique is occurring or if it is something that happens all

the time. The more you study the Bible and the universe, which is God's creation, the more questions are answered, the better you'll get to know God, because of your knowledge, not of your ignorance, or Blind Faith.

I wish to point out a truth here, that as you read the Bible, I think you will discover to be true as well. The words, LOVE Me, OBEY Me, as well as the words WORSHIP ME, are all synonymous to God, or should I say interchangeable one for the other. If you love God, you express that love by obeying him, if you obey him you worship him, if you worship him you show your love for him. If you truly wish to worship the one true God, creator of the universe, then to obey his commandments, is to show your love and obedience of him.

The Path to Righteousness

*I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. **Proverbs 8:20-21***

The way of righteousness is to stay away from sin. The Ten Commandments teaches us what is sin, and knowing what is sin we are thus able to not sin.

Remember! To manifest your love for God is to keep his commandments. God is informing us in this verse that if we manifest our love for him by keeping his commandments, then we will be rewarded by inheriting substance.

If you believe that the Christ Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, then these two verses are validation of that belief. Proverbs was written long before the birth of Jesus, yet when you read these two verses, doesn't it sound like Jesus speaking? Jesus is the way of righteousness, and Jesus is your witness on judgment day. This verse is telling us, that if we Love God, and Obey God, and Worship God, then he has rewards for us, that we will inherit substance.

An Introduction of Christ

If you continue reading **Proverbs 8:22 through 8:32**, you might notice as I have, that Christ is introducing himself to us, before he was born in the flesh of a man.

There is one other thing you should take note of in this verse, God is telling you **“I lead in the way of righteousness.”** I interpret this to mean, if you want to worship God, then you must listen to what he is telling you, and not to anyone else, for only he can direct you to the way of righteousness. It is one thing to ask your priest or pastor for guidance, but do not take what they tell you as the final answer, verify in the Bible that what they have told you is in fact what God tells you to do.

Remember: Satan has influence over others, even people that are leaders in religion, only the words in the Bible, given to us by God himself, can be trusted as being God’s will. This is why God has told us to seek me early (diligently).

Child of Abraham

They answered and said unto him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus saith unto them, “If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham.” **John 8:39**

Have you ever taken the time to understand what Jesus is saying in this verse? To understand this you need to know who Abraham was. Yes, he was the first to receive a covenant from God, and from that covenant God expanded upon it to Jacob and then to Moses and all that have come after him. Even the Third or New Covenant has as its foundation the one that God made with Abraham. This is all true and I have no doubt that you all know this, but do you know why God made a covenant with Abraham. It is in knowing this that you will understand what Jesus is talking about.

Abraham Believed God

God made a covenant with Abraham because Abraham believed the Word of God. God told Abraham that his wife Sarah would give him a son. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90. Only in true faith could Abraham believe this promise from God. They were both well past the age of having babies yet Abraham believed. It is this belief that is the works of Abraham.

But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. **John 8:40**

It is this kind of belief that Jesus is pointing to. If the Temple Elders believed the Word of God they would have seen Jesus for God in the flesh of a man. They could not see this, which is why Jesus said that they did not as Abraham did, but were children of Satan, not of God.

*Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, we be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. **John 8:41***

In this Jesus is telling the elders that Satan is their father. The elders then deny this by saying that they are the sons of God.

*Jesus said unto them, if God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. **John 8:42***

If the Temple Elders put their trust in the Word of God they would have known the truth spoken by Jesus, but they did not recognize what Jesus spoke as being God's words, because they did not know the Word of God themselves.

*Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word. **John 8:43***

Jesus then asks them, "Why don't you understand what I am saying, why can't you see the truth of my words? Jesus then gives them the answer to his question, because you not being of God cannot hear the Word of God when it is spoken to you, because you are caught up in Satan's lies, thinking that they are the truth.

You know the phrase? "History repeats itself." Well that is what is happening with the Christians of today, as it did with the Jews of 2,000 years ago. They are caught up in Satan's lies, thinking that the lie is the truth, so when they hear the truth, they perceive it as a lie.

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **John 8:44***

Blinded from the truth

*And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. **John 8:45***

*Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **John 8:46***

The word “**Convinceth**” is an Old English word that replaces the Greek word, “**Elegcho**” which translated means: to admonish, convict, rebuke, or reprove. The elders call Jesus a liar and a blasphemer, which is a sin under God’s Law. They do this because what Jesus preaches is contrary to what they think is the true Word of God. Even though Jesus speaks only the Word of God, the elders reject his words because those words are in opposition to what they believe to be true. This is true today among those Christians that I have discussed what God has shown me. The Sunday Sabbath being the most objectionable to Christians. They believe that Sunday or the first day of the week is the true day of the Lords Rest, even though Genesis chapter 2 and Exodus Chapter 20 make it very clear what day God tells us is his Holy Day of Rest.

*He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. **John 8:47***

If you know and understand the Word of God, then when you hear someone speak those words you will recognize them to be God’s Truth, because these Elders, and those Christians of my Era, do not know God’s Truth, they do not recognize it when they hear it. To know the word of God when you hear it is to be of God, if you do not know the Word of God when you hear it, then you are not of God, but deceived by Satan’s Lies.

I have included all these other verses, because they are all necessary to understanding the one verse that has the phrase, “**Love Me,**” in it. In these verses and those leading up to them, Jesus is giving instruction to those around him. Then members of the Temple, begin asking him questions, and attempt to trip him up in what he is saying.

Jesus is speaking about sin, and how believing in him will show them truth, and truth will set them free from sin. The Temple elders, not understanding his meaning, retort with the fact that they are sons of Abraham, and therefore have never been in bondage to any man, and therefore have no need of being set free.

Jesus then explains that they are in bondage to sin, which is why they cannot discern truth from lies. But by believing in him, Jesus, you will be set free from sin, and the truth will be once more known to you.

They, still not understanding what Jesus is saying, tell him that they are the children of God, that they are not children of fornication, “**Bastards.**”

Jesus then answers, **“You do not understand me, or what I am saying, because Satan’s lies and deceptions have blinded you to the truth, therefore you are the children of the devil, not of God.”**

For me, this all has a similar comparison of those who call themselves Christians in my life time, but are so deceived by Satan, that when they hear the truth, they cannot discern it, which is to say, that many that think themselves Christians have told me that they read from the Bible at least once a week, yet when I discuss the true meaning of scripture, based on the true meaning of the words used, they cannot see the truth because they are blinded by the lies that Satan has veiled the truth with. The words are right there for them to read, but rather than taking the true meaning of what those words mean, which is another aspect of seeking diligently, they accept the false interpretation that has been given to them since childhood, or they stick to their Blind Faith.

Jesus Gives his life

*Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. **John 10:17***

This verse tells me, that Jesus was aware he was about to die, but he also knew in dying, he would be resurrected into life eternal, never to know death again. However, he is not just laying down his life, without reason or cause, he lays down his life for us, that through him we will know truth, and be saved from sin and the ways of the Devil. If you compare the Teachings of Jesus with what your church preaches, you will be able to see the Truth and the Lie.

This understanding is obtained through educating yourself in the words spoken by Jesus and taking them in the context as Jesus intended. Show me where the Holy Scripture tells us that God or Jesus gives command or instruction that the first day of the week is God’s Day of Rest. You won’t find it in the Holy Scripture, because it is not there, but God does tell us that he rested on the Seventh Day, and that he Hallowed the Seventh Day, and that he Sanctified the Seventh Day, then he commanded that we Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. God is not telling us to remember the Sabbath he is telling us to remember the day, the one day that God made holy, the one and only day that God gave a name, the Sabbath.

The Lost Children of God

Having spoken with many, including ordained ministers, I have found that there are a large number of Christians that think that Jesus was sent to forgive all of us of our sins. That however, was not God's original intent on sending Jesus the Christ to the Earth in the flesh of a man. This can be best shown in the following verses.

*And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. **Matthew 8:5-6***

*And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. **Matthew 8:7***

*The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. **Matthew 8:8***

Extends Redemption to the Gentiles

*When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." **Matthew 8:10***

*And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 8:11***

*But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 8:12***

A centurion was comparable in the Roman Army to a Captain or Major in the American Army. In verse 7, Jesus accepts the Centurion's request, and agrees to come to his home with him. In verse 8, this Roman, a pagan, reveals his faith in Jesus, as being God in the flesh of a man, by explaining that his home is not worthy for God to enter, and that in faith that Jesus is God in the flesh, Jesus only needs speak the words and the centurion knows that his servant will be healed. In verse 10, Jesus is marveled by the fact that a non-Jew could have this much faith, never having been educated in the teachings of the books of the Bible.

Here Jesus has come to reclaim his lost children that have been led astray by the lies and deceptions of Satan, only to find that they aren't hearing him, yet a pagan from the hated Romans, has faith greater than any Jesus has seen in the people of Israel.

Instructions to the Apostles

The next verses are another example of my understanding that it was not God's intent that all of Mankind be saved when he sent the Christ Jesus to live among us.

*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." **Matthew 10:5-6***

You see, Jesus is not sending his apostles out to convert the Gentiles, but to open the eyes of his lost chosen people, the sons of Jacob. It is not until God realizes, because of their rejection of Jesus, that the Children of Jacob are indeed lost to him, that he then instructs the apostles to preach to the Gentiles. This is further illustrated in the following verse.

To Save the Children of Jacob

*And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." **Matthew 15:22***

*But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, "Send her away; for she crieth after us." **Matthew 15:23***

*But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **Matthew 15:24***

*Then came she and worshipped him, saying, "Lord, Help me." **Matthew 15:25***

But he answered and said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs."

Matthew 15:26

And she said, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Matthew 15:27

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." **Matthew 15:28**

As you can see, Jesus came originally not to give salvation to all mankind, but to reclaim the lost decedents of Jacob. In these verses, the woman beseeching Jesus is not a Jew, and Jesus equates giving her help as taking food from his children and giving it to the dogs. That hitherto God considered the Gentiles no better than dogs, yet in the end, invited them into the family of his children is what I find profound.

To Love is to Obey

To Obey is to manifest your Love

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

For God the phrase "**Love Me**," is synonymous with "**Obey Me**," and "**Worship Me**." To manifest your love for God is to keep his commandments. When you obey his commandments, you show your love for God. When you keep his commandments you are worshipping him. The Bible backs this up with the following verse.

Righteous before God

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. **Luke 1:6**

This verse is telling me, that Zacharias and his wife Abia, obeyed the Ten Commandments, which is why they were righteous. The opposite of being righteous is to be in disobedience to God, by not keeping his commandments.

The Saints of God keep God's Laws because God's Morality is a part of who we are, written upon our hearts, and because our love for the Lord motivates us to please him by walking in obedience, or as Paul said, **walking in the Spirit of the Lord**, and because God says that the keeping of his Commandments is **a sign** between us and him, that manifests our showing of our love for him.

*That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, **to keep all his statutes and his commandments**, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.*

Deuteronomy 6:2

*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God **with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might**. And these words, which I command thee this day, **shall be in thy heart**: **Deuteronomy 6:5-6***

*And thou shalt bind them for **a sign** upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.*

Deuteronomy 6:8

You should also take note that in these verses, there is a distinction being made between the commandments, and the ordinances. The commandments refer to the Ten Commandments, written in stone, whereas the ordinances refer to the laws of Moses. This distinction should be remembered. So as to realize that there is a difference in importance.

Spirit of Truth

*Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **John 14:17***

The Spirit of Truth is the same that the Temple Elders and Christians could not see as discussed earlier. But Jesus does not only speak of those who are alive when he walked the earth, but to all those generations since. Jesus is speaking to all who live today, and do not hear God's Word even when it is revealed to them in scripture.

Jesus tells the apostles that they know God's True Word, which is the Spirit of Truth, and that is why they can see him to be the Son of God. When you know God's True Word, you will know it when you hear it,

then you are of God, and can thus see that which is manifest from God, even though you can see, all those around you deceived by the lies of Satan, cannot see, because they do not know God's True Word.

Because I Live

*I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. **John 14:18-19***

I will not leave you comfortless: This Jesus is telling his disciples just prior to being betrayed by Judas, and then crucified.

I will come to you. Though Jesus knows that he will be sacrificed into death, he reassures his disciples that death has no power over him and that he will return to them.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; Jesus is telling his disciples that in death the world will not see him again.

But ye see me: because the world, as of the time of Jesus, does not know Jesus and therefore do not believe that he is God in the flesh of a man, they do not see God's True Word, but the disciples will see him after his death, because they do see God's Truth. Jesus will appear to his disciples in the flesh even after his crucifixion, but those who do not know the Word of God will not be able to see him in his resurrection.

Because I live, ye shall live also. Though Jesus will die on the cross, he will yet live, because he will be resurrected by God. Because his disciples also believe this to be true, they will also have life after death, and will also be resurrected by God.

*At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. **John 14:20***

That Day is a reference to the Second Advent of Christ and not only to the resurrection of Jesus. All who believe Jesus' promise that he will return, and all those who do not believe, will know the promise to be true when he does in fact return. There can be no doubt, when the event in fact occurs. Those who do believe will thus know that Jesus is of God, and that they being of Jesus, will also be of God.

Have 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. **John 14:21***

Once more Jesus informs us of who the Saints of God are, *he that hath my commandments, and keepeth them.* God gave us the Ten Commandments so that we would know what sin is. Those who keep the commandments, know how to keep from sin, and therefore are righteous. Those who are righteous are loved by God, and as such are loved by Jesus.

As a Christian, do you not consider that if it is preached by Jesus, then it must be accepted if you are to be one with Christ. How can anyone who calls themselves a Christian do so if they refute the very words spoken by Jesus, that to be one with Jesus it to have the Commandments of God, and then to live by those commandments?

I know that there are many who wanting to give reason for refuting the above words spoken by Jesus will argue that Jesus was speaking of his Two Commandments and not of the Ten Commandments. But as I have shown before, Jesus' First Commandment is pointing to what Moses had written and Moses was teaching that those who keep the Ten Commandments are manifesting their love for God. When Jesus refers to his Two Commandments, he is also referring to the Ten Commandments.

Besides, Jesus is Christ, Christ is the essence of God, and therefore, Christ is God, the same God that gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, which tells me that when Jesus says, "Keep my commandments," it is God telling us to keep his commandments. There is only one God, and he has manifested himself to us in the flesh of the man, Jesus. To be a Christian, requires that you believe this else you are not of Christ.

Being able to see Jesus

*Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? **John 14:22***

Even though the above verse is not being asked by Judas Iscariot, I see the question as being asked by someone who even at this late date, still does not see God's True Word as it is spoken by Jesus. In the last several verses, Jesus has already answered this question, yet this Judas still does not understand.

*Jesus answered and said unto him, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." **John 14:23***

For me this means, **if you keep his words**, which translates into keeping his commandments, and that which he taught us while in the flesh of Jesus, then the Word of God will be written in your heart, which is where he will abide with you. This rings true for me personally.

Through most of my life I looked to God for guidance, especially in times of sorrow or emotional confusion. But it wasn't until I began a concerted effort to find God, with diligent research, and got to know him in a personal and intimate way, that I now feel his presence in me all the time.

One thing I have noticed in reading the Book of Matthew is that Jesus teaches elements of the Ten Commandments. As far as I am concerned, if he teaches aspects of a few of the Ten Commandments, then he is by intent, teaching us all of the Ten Commandments. Therefore, even though Jesus never refers to them by name, "The Ten Commandments," the fact that he teaches elements of the Ten Commandments, means that he still considers the Ten Commandments the foundation as to how to worship God.

Not to Destroy

To show this to be true and to reveal the importance that I place upon this, let me repeat what Jesus Says.

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 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." 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. 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 5:17-20***

That Jesus tells us that the laws or the Ten Commandments are still in force is good enough for me. All others who have accepted Satan's lies, are misguided, or in league with Satan. If Jesus teaches the Commandments of God, then how can anyone call themselves Christian, if they do not live their lives within the guide lines of his teachings?

In case you did not notice the phrase, "or the prophets," which gives reference to what he Jesus has come to fulfill, which is the prophecies, not just the laws of God.

Keep My Commandments

Have you noticed, that another phrase is prominent in most of these Love Me occurrences, "Keep my Commandments," this is telling me that if you love God, or the Christ Jesus, you must also keep their commandments. The question rises, what commandments they are talking about. There are so many.

The Law of God

In my study of the Bible, I have found there to be, two categories of Commandments, or Laws, as was revealed in **Luke 1:6** above. There is the Laws of God, as written by the finger of God on two tables of stone, The Ten Commandments.

*And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. **Exodus 31:18***

The Law of Moses

Then there are the laws or commandments or as God called them ordinances, that are known as The Laws of Moses. These laws are also of God, but they are not written in stone, thus not signifying their eternal observance. The laws of Moses were written by the hand of Moses, not stone, and therefore not eternal. It is some of the laws of Moses that Jesus fulfilled to the point of rendering them obsolete, which primarily refers to those commandments that give instruction on the sacrifice of animals, not the Laws of God. So when God-Jesus says, "Love me, Keep my Commandments," it is the Ten Commandments that he is referring to.

Showing your love for God

You may protest that Jesus, on the other hand gave us Two Commandments of his own. Was he then referring to them when he said, “**Love me, Keep my Commandments?**” This question brings us full circle back around to the definition of how do you show your love for God, or how to worship God. As the Bible has shown, the definition of how to show your love for God is to keep his commandments. The Commandments of God are the Ten Commandments. Therefore, when Jesus refers to his first Commandment as the Greatest;

*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, **Matthew 22:37***

Jesus is also referring back to the entirety of the Ten Commandments as well.

Love God with all your heart and soul

*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 4:12-13***

When Jesus gave us his two commandments, he took his first commandment from this verse in Deuteronomy. If you read the verses leading up to this one, you will find Moses giving warning to the Children of Israel, and their continued refusal to keep the Ten Commandments of God, and not only to not keep the commandments, but to introduce paganisms into their worship, which means that God would not be condemning them if they were keeping the Ten Commandments. This tells me that Jesus is equating the showing of your Love of God, by keeping the Ten Commandments.

There is another way of showing you that it is to the Ten Commandments that Jesus refers to in his first Commandment and that goes as follows.

The Christ Jesus was a man of Flesh and Blood, born of the womb of a woman, but with the Holy Ghost given at conception. This means that Jesus was a man, but he also was the God of Creation, in the flesh of a man.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

Luke 1:31

Christ Jesus is God

This means that the same God, who gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, was Christ. When Jesus, therefore says, “Love Me, Keep my Commandments,” he is not just referring to his two Commandments, but to those very same commandments that he gave to Moses.

Think of it this way, God is eternal, everlasting to everlasting, do you really think that he would change the way he commands that he be worshiped, when that is the way he has been since before this universe ever existed? He is not going to change his ways, it is Satan who has lied to you, and you are deceived, if you think God has stopped requiring the observance of his Ten Commandments.

Once again we have a full circle. Though the figure 8 is often thought of as the symbol of eternity, the Circle is truly the symbol of God, with no beginning, and no end, everlasting.

This also returns us to what the definition of, “Love God with all your heart, soul and mind,” means. If the definition of how to love God, is to keep his commandments, then that is also the definition of how to keep the first commandment of Jesus.

Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.” **John 8:57-58**

So if he Jesus was before Abraham, then he was before Moses, therefore it was Christ that gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. If that is the case, then why would he throw out his Ten Commandments? No, the definition of how to love God with all your heart soul and mind is as I have shown. You show your love when you keep his commandments, all ten of them.

Know also, that the definition of “**Love your neighbor**,” is to show your neighbor the way to God by keeping the commandments, just as Jesus taught us this. In doing so, he showed his love for us, so we show our love of our neighbor, by showing our neighbor the way to God’s love. You see, whether you believe Jesus was referring to his two commandments, when he said “Keep My Commandments,” or to the Ten Commandments, the definition of the one is the other, which is once more a circle, that leads back to God and “**Love Me, Keep My Commandments.**”

Walking the Walk

I believe that these verses verify my initial concern however, there is something else required of us, over and above simply declaring Jesus our savior and saying I love God, before we can earn salvation.

Jesus Fulfills

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Jesus is telling us that he is not come to **destroy the laws or the prophets**, but to **fulfill them**. However, the very next verse says,

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.” **Matthew 5:18**

So to answer my question above, “why would Jesus throw out God’s commandments,” the answer is he hasn’t, as this verse verifies. Jesus is telling us in no uncertain terms that the laws are still in force, until all be fulfilled.

What is the “**ALL**,” that needs to be fulfilled, can only be speculation, but I am confident it hasn’t been fulfilled yet, and it has to do with more than just the life or death of us humans. God is after all, King of the entire universe, therefore the definition of what constitutes “**All**” is most likely more substantial.

Jesus Rebukes the false prophets

*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***

This verse is a two edged sword. First a warning to those who break even the least of these commandments, (such as not keeping the Saturday Sabbath,) and from their example instruct others to break the commandments, and then a reward for those who not only keep the commandments themselves, but also teach others to keep the commandments.

Sins can be forgiven

*Wherefore I say unto you, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." **Matthew 12:31***

It is to this sin that **Matthew 5:19** above refers. When you sin against the Holy Ghost, you are deliberately and consciously promoting false doctrines that diminish the name, honor and character of God. If you are a priest or other religious leader, who teaches others untruths and call them true, then you blaspheme against God, and his Holy Word, which is the Holy Ghost. The Holy Gospel is the living word of God, which is what makes it the Holy Ghost.

For example, **Genesis 3:4**, Lucifer told, Adam and Eve, that they "would **not** surely die," if they eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In doing so, he was calling God a liar. For God had told them that **they would surely die**. By calling God a liar, Lucifer committed a sin against God, but in changing the Word of God, by inserting the word "**NOT**" into what God had spoken, Satan sinned against the Holy Ghost.

Sin of Adam

We have been told that the reason man is born into this world with the sin of Adam, is because they ate from the tree, even though God had told them not to.

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. **Genesis 2:17***

But that is not the sin, which we all bear. The real sin, the sin that is unforgivable, is that Adam and Eve believed the lies of Satan, as truth, and the truth of God as lies. When Satan told them that God lied to them concerning the tree of knowledge, that if they ate from it they would become as God, and God did not want them to achieve this level, equal to him. The true sin that Adam committed was to stop believing that the Word of God was truth.

*And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Genesis 3:4-5***

Adam and Eve believed Satan even though they knew God personally and intimately. He was their father, brother, and God. God came and sat down with them in the Garden one day every week (the Sabbath) to commune with them, yet they loved him so little that they accepted lies told to them by Satan, rather than rely on God's love as the truth. It is this sin that was unforgivable, not the actual eating from the fruit of the tree.

Sins of the Father

It is this sin that Jesus forgave when he died upon the cross. No longer will the children have to pay for the sins of their fathers. We will henceforth, as of the day that Jesus was nailed to the cross, be accountable only for our own sins, no longer answerable for the sins of our fathers.

*The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sins. **Deuteronomy 24:16***

The sins that we commit through our lives ourselves can be forgiven only if we ask God to forgive us. If you don't ask for forgiveness, then God cannot forgive you. Satan will have you believe that in the Grace of Jesus you are forgiven all your sins, automatically, but as I have been attempting to show you, only the sin of Adam has been forgiven, you still have to "Work" to achieve Righteousness from your own sins on your own.

Only the Righteous shall enter heaven

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 5:20**

This is a warning, concerning your righteousness, which of course causes me to want to know exactly what is righteousness? The American Heritage Dictionary defines Righteousness as being morally upright, and without guilt or sin.

I understand the meaning of the words guilt and sin, what constitutes Morality however, is as of yet unclear. The dictionary defines Morality as a system of ideas of right and wrong conduct. With this definition in hand, let us look to the Bible for God's definition of Morality. I looked up the occurrences of the word Morality in the Bible, and it did not show up once. I then looked up the word Moral; likewise, it did not show up, not even once. Does this mean that the Bible does not address Morality, Not at all? God simply does not use the word Morality itself.

The most complete and concise explanation of the subject of Morality can be found in the book of Exodus, Chapter 20, in these verses which we know as the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments after all fulfill the definition of Morality as a "System" of ideas of right and wrong.

I looked up the word "righteousness" in the Bible Concordance and it is the English word that replaces the Hebrew word "tsadaq" which is defined as, to make right in a moral or forensic sense. This follows with the fact that the last six of the Ten Commandments are the commandments of Morality. Therefore, in the Bible, God defines righteousness as the act of keeping his commandments, for how can you make right in a moral sense if you do not have a definition of what is moral conduct? It is for this reason it is time for us to take a diligent look at the Ten Commandments of God, which I shall do in Lesson 2 and Lesson 3.