

None of These Diseases



Part 1

Thought



✎ We should not be happy to stay where we are. We should always grow in grace and in love for our Redeemer and God.

Bible text



Rev. 3: 14-21



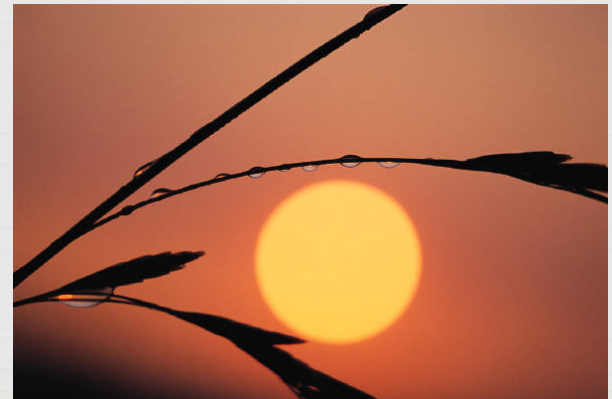
- ❧ Many take it for granted that they are Christians, simply because they subscribe to certain theological tenets. But they have not brought the truth into practical life. They have not believed and loved it, therefore they have not received the power and grace that come through sanctification of the truth. Men may profess faith in the truth; but if it does not make them sincere, kind, patient, forbearing, heavenly-minded, it is a curse to its possessors, and through their influence it is a curse to the world.
- ❧ The world needs evidences of sincere Christianity. Professed Christianity may be seen everywhere; but when the power of God's grace is seen in our churches, the members will work the works of Christ. Natural and hereditary traits of character will be transformed. The indwelling of His Spirit will enable them to reveal Christ's likeness, and in proportion to the purity of their piety will be the success of their work.

❧ (God's Amazing Grace, 262)

Thought



It is not enough to believe the truth. Until the truth is manifested in our lives by obedience we are not Christians in a real sense.



God's Love for us



∞ 1John 4:16



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☞ God's love always gives.



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THE GUARDRAIL



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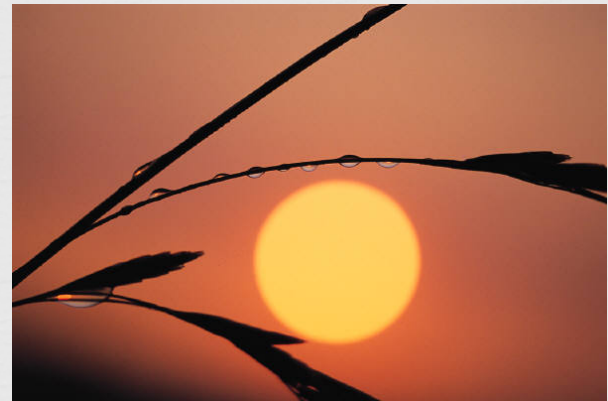
Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life,
but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die.

– PROVERBS 19:16 NIV

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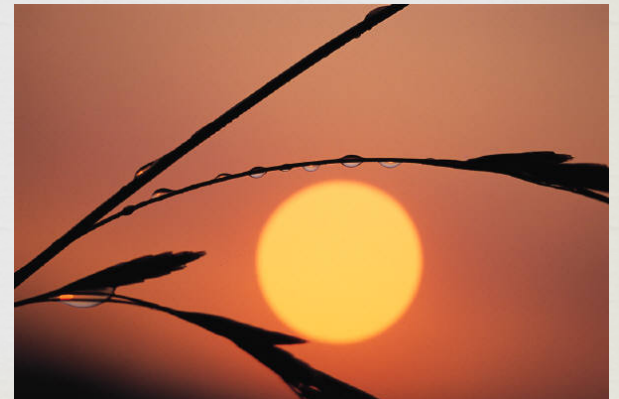
☞ The laws of God are for all of
God's people



Thought



☞ God give His laws to His people because He loves them and only His people are keeping God's laws because they love God.



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Exodus 15:26



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☞ In their horror and despair they reproached Moses for having led them in such a way, not remembering that the divine presence in that mysterious cloud had been leading him as well as them. In his grief at their distress Moses did what they had forgotten to do; he cried earnestly to God for help. "And the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet." Here the promise was given to Israel through Moses, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee. They had not as yet suffered from hunger; their present wants were supplied, but they feared for the future. They could not understand how these vast multitudes were to subsist in their travels through the wilderness, and in imagination they saw their children famishing. The Lord permitted difficulties to surround them, and their supply of food to be cut short, that their hearts might turn to Him who had hitherto been their Deliverer. If in their want they would call upon Him, He would still grant them manifest tokens of His love and care. He had promised that if they would obey His commandments, no disease should come upon them, and it was sinful unbelief on their part to anticipate that they or their children might die for hunger

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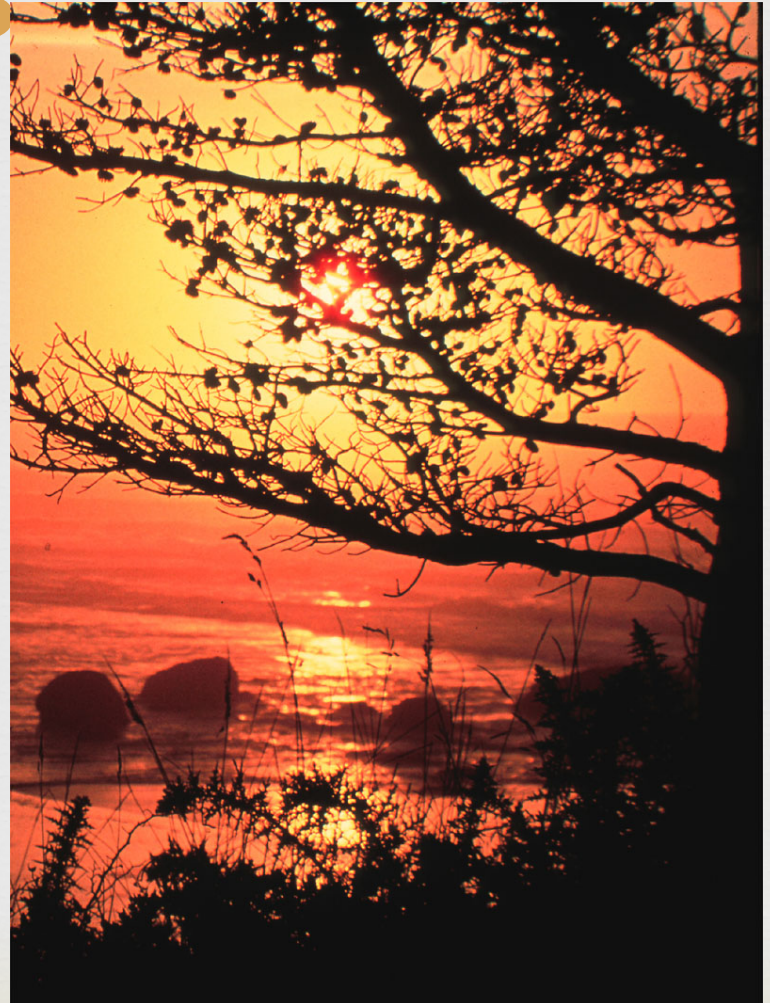
It is not about us. It is all about
God.



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☞ 1 Corinthians 10:31



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∞ The history of the wilderness life of Israel was chronicled for the benefit of the Israel of God to the close of time. The record of God's dealings with the wanderers of the desert in all their marchings to and fro, in their exposure to hunger, thirst, and weariness, and in the striking manifestations of His power for their relief, is fraught with warning and instruction for His people in all ages. The varied experience of the Hebrews was a school of preparation for their promised home in Canaan. God would have His people in these days review with a humble heart and teachable spirit the trials through which ancient Israel passed, that they may be instructed in their preparation for the heavenly Canaan. [...]

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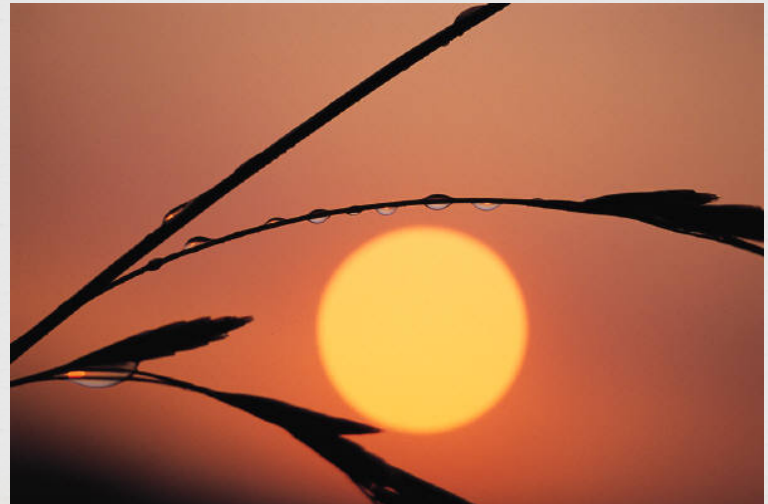


Many look back to the Israelites, and marvel at their unbelief and murmuring, feeling that they themselves would not have been so ungrateful; but when their faith is tested, even by little trials, they manifest no more faith or patience than did ancient Israel. When brought into strait places, they murmur at the process by which God has chosen to purify them. Though their present needs are supplied, many are unwilling to trust God for the future, and they are in constant anxiety lest poverty shall come upon them, and their children shall be left to suffer. Some are always anticipating evil or magnifying the difficulties that really exist, so that their eyes are blinded to the many blessings which demand their gratitude. The obstacles they encounter, instead of leading them to seek help from God, the only Source of strength, separate them from Him, because they awaken unrest and repining.

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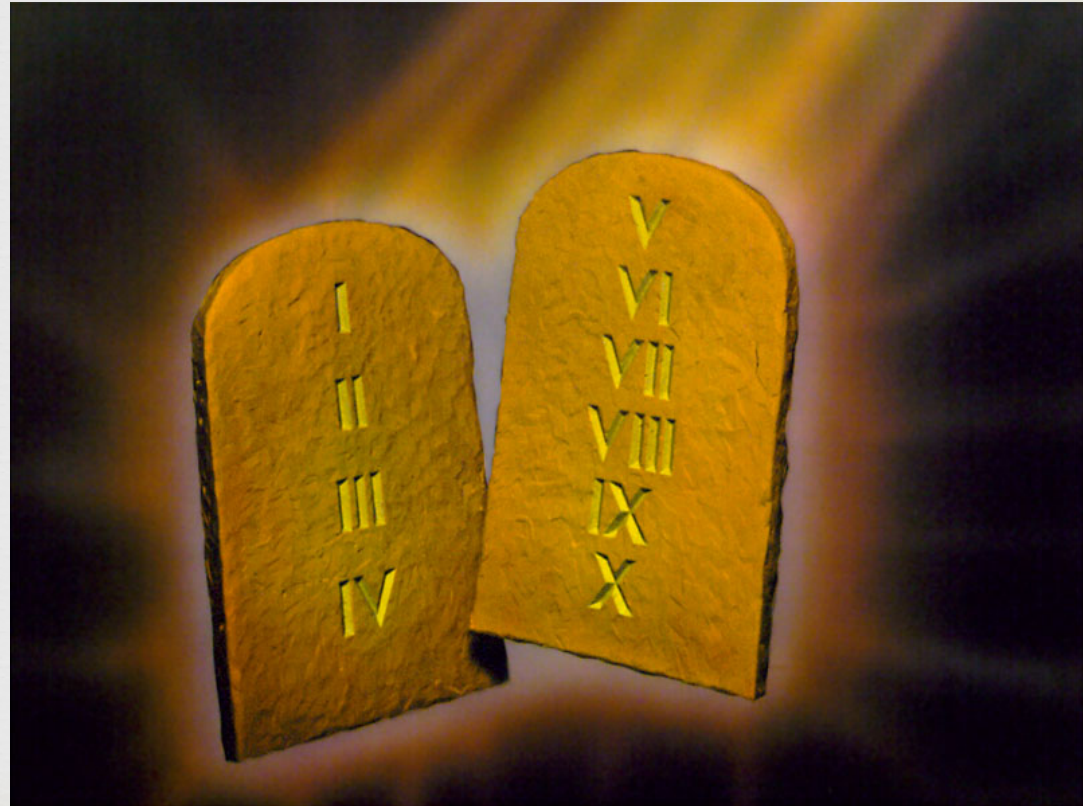
☞ God is loving us so much that He wants to keep us free from suffering.



We Love God



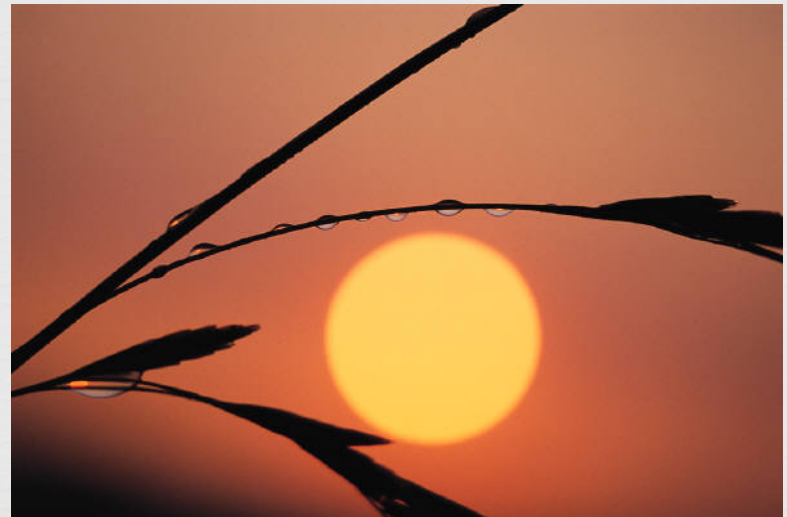
Matthew 22:36-40



Thought



∞ The greatest commandment is to love God and second to love your neighbor. That's all.



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☞ The essence and flavor of all obedience is the outworking of a principle within-love of righteousness, the love of the law of God. The essence of all righteousness is loyalty to our Redeemer, doing right because it is right. When the World of God is a burden because it cuts directly across human inclination, then the religious life is not a Christian life, but a tug and a strain, an enforced obedience. All the purity and godliness of religion are set aside

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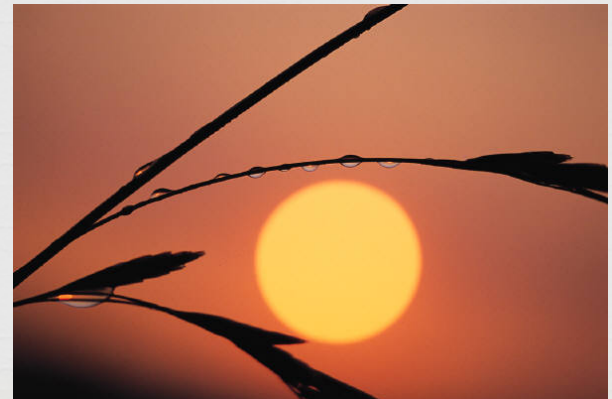


❧ But adoption into the family of God makes us children not slaves. When the love of Christ enters the heart we strive to imitate the character of Christ... The more we study the life of Christ with a heart to learn, the more Christlike we become. Into the heart of every true doer of the Word the Holy Spirit infuses clear understanding. The more we crucify selfish practices by imparting our blessings to others and by exercising our God-given ability, the more the heavenly graces will be strengthened and increase in us. We will grow in spirituality, in patience, in fortitude, in meekness, in gentleness...A train of cars is not merely attached to the engine; they follow on the same track as the engine. Whom are we following?

Thought



☞ Truth being said obedience without love is no obedience at all and the reverse is also true there is no love without obedience.



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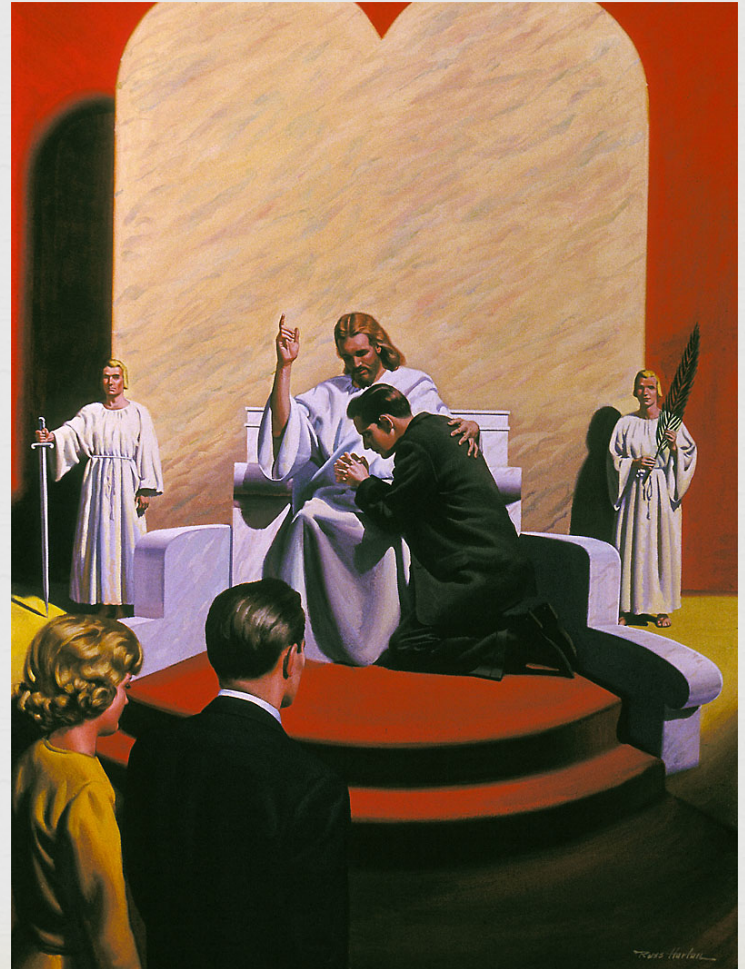
☞ Jeremiah 17: 9



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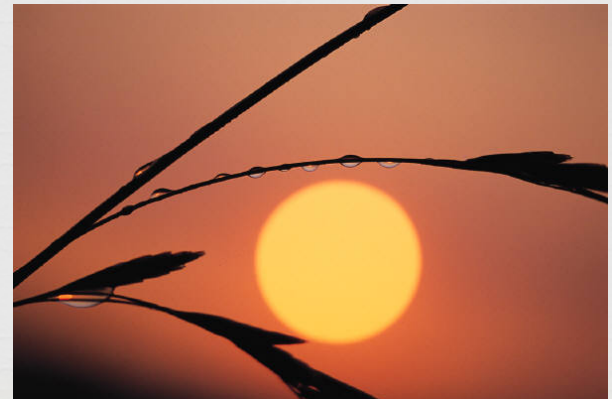
1John 5: 2-3



Thought



☞ When we love God indeed we will not have a problem keeping all of His commandments including the health laws.



Psalm 139: 23-24



☞ Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Try me, and know my thoughts:

☞ And see if there be any wicked way in
me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

☞ Amen