



# "THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

## NOT OF THE WORLD? (John 15:19)



**Is the church not of the world or has worldly methods crept into the church?**

### History

Up until the 1900's, the method of winning souls and the expectation of conversion was mostly the same – Use the word of God and reveal that God has rules. There was a stark contrast between Christians and those that were enjoying the world. So much so that Jesus' words continued to be true.

John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

But something began to change both in the world and in the church at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. And the change has grown so far that it sounds heretical to try to draw people to the strict adherence of the Word.

The entertainment industry began to explode. Sports became the focus of passing time. Getting as much out of life in forms of pleasure and wealth began to distance the old peasant past. An artificial dependency on government began to come about. New devices to save time actually created more productivity and more demand on time.

The church began to appear dull. Satan knew time was beginning to run out, and so he instituted great divisions through various miraculous means.

Matthew 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and

shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And we pause here to make an unbelievable observation. Spoken to the apostles, Christ revealed that it is possible for Christians to be deceived. Further, there is no reason for someone to appear as Christ to deceive those outside of the Christian fold. Therefore, a false hope is that of not being deceived.

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Unless you are dead, you must keep the faith until the second coming. There is a serious daily watchfulness.

Matthew 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak.

Mark 13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

Luke 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these

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## **BIBLE THOUGHT**

*All Things Are Become New*

### **2 Corinthians 5:17**

“Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

With the new year just beginning, is it not time to lay off the old things of life and make the new year the best year of your life? Look not to the old worldly enjoyments. Look not to the old “good time” friends, look to making new friends in Christ. Look for the new pleasures of God.

things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

1 Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

### **How Does This Affect the Church Today In a Worldly Manner**

The church is not watching and praying. They are more concerned about the “second commission” in a distorted manner of making people feel comfortable. The distortion is in trying to win souls to Christ using the same sensual means that they enjoyed in the world.

The first commission to everyone is to go and preach the Christian gospel to the whole world:

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The devil has defused this as well by declaring that all religions worship the same God. That is not true at all. If that were the case, Jesus would not have prophesied this last day event of the Christian gospel as “*this gospel*” but rather would have said “a gospel”.

The non-churched and the infrequent churchgoer see so much hypocrisy in the churches that they believe there is no refuge from sin and, so they stay as they are. Why should someone living an “alright life” want to join a church that has members regularly lying, stealing, adulterizing, divorcing and remarrying, cursing, intemperate, and cheating just to name a few things and with the church not addressing the issues? The only difference is that supposed Christians go to church and think they are going to heaven. So many are looking for a church with sanctification principles, in other words, a church with rules that are adhered to through the love and grace of Christ.

But as these poor souls stay out, the church then moves to the “second commission.” It seeks to make up for the lack of standards and the downplaying of perfection by moving to the next form of drawing and retaining through entertainment. In comes the drums, drama, and games.

Even little changes are being made to make worship appear more like a show. Out with the formal serious form of worship and in with a celebration style. For example, gone in many churches is that of the ministers kneeling reverently at the start of church.

### **Recommendation**

As long as we live and breathe, we have the opportunity to choose to be on Christ’s side. Satan is “*as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*” (1 Peter 5:8). Let us search the scriptures for ourselves. And if you have a computer, there is no reason why you should not have a Bible program. Many are free to download off of the Internet.

But at the very least, it is time to lay off opinions, feelings, and personal evaluations and become the serious Bible students that we were born of God to be.

It is time that we go back to the old methods of soul winning and stop “playing” church. Is that the method of 50 or so years ago? No, the one about 2000 years ago. Jesus used no entertainment. His parables were lessons from nature, not sports. Nature is God’s second textbook. The apostles used no form of entertainment either. And each one preached the standards.

And please keep in mind that this is not an article written by a retired pastor. It is the sentiments of one who in his twenties saw the changes and has been preaching this message for about a decade.

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Let us be like the shepherds and the wise men at the first advent, knowing the times we live in, and studying to know that these

things are so. Remember, those who do not study history have a tendency to repeat history.

**THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH** (3 John 1:2)



**HEALTH SNIPPET:**

**In the News:**

**►► Broccoli Wards Off Cancer Of Stomach**

Broccoli and broccoli sprouts contain a chemical that kills the bacteria responsible for most stomach cancer, say researchers, confirming the dietary advice that mothers have been giving their children for years. In laboratory tests the chemical, sulforaphane, killed helicobacter pylori, a bacteria that causes stomach ulcers and often-fatal stomach cancers. In the lab, the scientists found that sulforaphane even killed helicobacter that was resistant to commonly used antibiotics and can kill the bacterium whether it's inside or outside cells. In people, the bacteria can hide in cells lining the stomach, making it more difficult to get rid of the infection, Mr. Fahey said. (AP, May 28, 2002)

**COMMENT:** Once again God's original diet is best. *"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat"* (Genesis 1:29).

**►► Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Excitotoxins**

Many Americans agree that today's youth face far different problems than the ones that existed fifty years ago. But what has some doctors and parents most concerned is not a fear of handguns or school violence, but the skyrocketing use of prescription drugs like Ritalin. Now those doctors are arguing that the worst culprits could be the foods kids are eating and a basic lack of positive discipline. (Christian Broadcasting Network, November 18, 2002)

**COMMENT:** *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"* (3 John 1:2). *"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every*

*tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."* (Genesis 1:29).

**Topic: Walking**

Matthew 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

John 10:23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

Jesus walked everywhere he went. In fact, there is only one incident of Jesus riding and that was upon entering Jerusalem at the end of His ministry.

Walking is very beneficial to the system. It is one of the best forms of exercise. Walking early in the morning gets the system energized for the day. Walking after meals helps with digestion especially when people feel like laying down after a meal. However, walking before going to bed is not recommended because it will inhibit falling asleep right away.

**HEALTHY ALTERNATIVE RECIPE:**

*Three Grain Bake*

- 3 c of three rolled grains of your choice
- 1 ¼ t salt
- 3 ¾ c hot water
- 2 c of fresh fruit of choice
- ½ c dried fruit (chopped)
- ¼ c chopped nuts

Pour hot water into a 2 qt casserole. Dissolve salt in water. After combining and mixing the 3 grains together, sprinkle them into the water. Drop fruit by the hand into the cereal. Gently pat fruit in rather than stirring. Over stirring can make cereal mushy. Top with dried fruit and nuts. Bake at 350 degrees covered for 40 minutes and uncovered for an additional 10 minutes.

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## TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT (Prov. 22:6)



**Practical Applications for Character Development in Children**

**Character Examples From the Bible – Cain and Abel**

Genesis 4:1-8 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

We see that in worshipping God, Abel did exactly as God commanded. Cain tried to

worship God in his own way. Though it was a kind and a good thing in itself, it is still wrong in God's eyes because doing good, yet disobeying, is still disobedience. Cain did not make the offering exactly as God required. A child giving a hug or kiss is a nice thing to do but done at the wrong time can be disobedience.

Further, we also see that trying to do things our own way while another is doing it the correct way results in jealousy. And jealousy left uncontrolled can result in doing something just as bad as Cain did – killing his own brother.

So the best thing to do is to do things exactly as asked even if we think another way is better. If we truly feel another way is better, then it is best to ask for permission to do it a different way.

Many employees try to be innovative only to find out that the person that told them exactly how to do it has already tried that other way and found the best way to do it. Many children spend more time than needed by not doing the task exactly as asked. Encourage your children to trust you by insisting they do as you say. Then be open to discuss other ways of accomplishing the same task and why one way is perhaps better than the other.

## WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED? (Isaiah 53:1)

- COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between November 16 and December 15, 2002. [Preview future news snippets at [www.tstl.net/news](http://www.tstl.net/news).]

### ▶▶ CBN, December 10, 2002 - PA Pastors Could Be Targeted for Opposing Homosexuality

Christians are concerned that a new Pennsylvania state law that protects homosexuals could eventually be used against pastors. The governor of Pennsylvania signed a bill that gives gays statewide legal protection from verbal harassment and hate crimes. Critics fear the new law will target church leaders who

preach against homosexuality. One constitutional activist in Pennsylvania told the Washington Times that the law basically sets up a lawsuit against any minister who publicly says that certain sexual behaviors are immoral. Critics say that is a direct violation of the church leaders' freedom of speech.

**COMMENT:** To read the letter that prompted CBN to print this story, visit <http://www.tstl.net/govappeal/govappeal.asp>

▶▶ CNS, November 26, 2002 - Priest, religious educator use Jesus action figure to teach

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Jesus. Yes, the man who fed the hungry, comforted the sick and died for our sins is now a full-fledged action figure retailing for just under \$6. With four wheels under his sandals, Jesus is truly a holy roller. In fact, the 4-inch-tall plastic, robed figure even has rotating arms. "In my common English, the Jesus action figures are a hoot," said Father Eugene Nickol, pastor of Holy Trinity in Glen Burnie, near Baltimore. "I thought they had a certain value to them because kids use action figures anyway and if you want to teach kids about how special Jesus was, why not use an action figure?"

**COMMENT:** "Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed [difference] between the unclean and the clean" (Ezekiel 22:26). Worldly instruments is a profane thing. Jesus and the apostles used no form of entertainment to reach the people. It is a conversion by hearing the word.

▶▶**CNN, November 21, 2002 - American missionary shot to death in Lebanon**

A gunman shot and killed an American missionary at close range Thursday morning in the Lebanese port city of Sidon, officials said.

**COMMENT:** "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matthew 24:9).

▶▶**ABC News, November 21, 2002 - A Divine Driver**

What would Jesus drive? That's the provocative question a group called the Evangelical Environmental Network is asking, and it claims that the answer is something fuel efficient. In an ad campaign that will air in four states, the group says Christians have a moral imperative to preserve the environment by giving up their gas-guzzling SUVs, minivans and pickups.

Baptist minister the Rev. Jim Ball, the executive director of the Evangelical Environmental Network, said the link between the teachings of Jesus and the fuel economy of cars was clear to him. "I think the concept of linking Jesus to an anti-SUV campaign borders on blasphemy, and I regard it as a joke," the Rev. Pat Robertson of the Christian Broadcasting Network said, in a statement.

Plus, the auto industry isn't convinced that if Jesus were in a showroom, he'd drive off in a small car. "He may well choose an SUV so that several of his apostles could travel with him," said Gloria Bergquist, a spokeswoman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers in Washington.

**COMMENT:** Though we believe that those described in Revelation 11:18 ("*And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth*") to include more than just those with nuclear arms, we also consider the practical aspect. Three to four two-man compact cars fuel efficient at 40 or 50 miles to the gallon is not as fuel efficient as a seven-passenger minivan getting 25 miles to the gallon. Would Jesus be concerned about the environment more than the average Christian? Absolutely. But to interject complete absolutes on the vehicle of choice that Jesus would drive is going beyond the Bible.

▶▶**AP, November 21, 2002 - Report: Scientists to Try New Life**

Scientists say they will attempt to create a new form of life in the laboratory, The Washington Post reported. If the plan works, the microscopic manmade cell will begin feeding and dividing to create a population of cells unlike any known to exist, the Post reported in Thursday editions.

**COMMENT:** This sounds like the same satanic desires as Lucifer holds. "*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High*" (Isaiah 14:14). How is creating a new life form being like God? "*The rich and poor meet together: the LORD [is] the maker of them all*" (Proverbs 22:2). God is the creator of all life. Man is trying to usurp that title belonging to God alone.

▶▶**CBN, November 19, 2002 - The Ten Commandments Take a Hit in Alabama**

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore will appeal a federal judge's order that a Ten Commandments monument be removed from the state's judicial building. The case is the latest of many legal battles over the Commandments.

**BIBLE STUDY**

*The Lawyer's Real Problem* (Luke 10:25-37)

1. What was the motivation of the Lawyer's question? **Luke 10:25**
2. What will born again Christians do? **Luke 10:26-27**
3. What will born again Christians also not neglect? **Luke 10:36-37**

**ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:**

*The Best Gift* (John 3:16)

1. Why did Jesus come the first time? **Matthew 1:21** "*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*"
2. What does Emmanuel mean? **Matthew 1:23** "*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*"
3. What nature did Jesus take on? **Hebrews 2:16** "*For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham.*"

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**COMMENT:** "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe." (1 Timothy 4:10).

▶▶ **CBN, November 19, 2002 - U.S. Post Office Says "In God We Trust"**

The National Motto, "In God We Trust," will be displayed in every post office in America. The Houston Chronicle reports the Postal Service decided to go ahead with the project after a private citizen was

stopped from putting up the motto in his local post office. The Postal Service did some research and discovered the House of Representatives had passed a bill encouraging the motto be displayed in every public building. So the Postal Service designed and paid for its own poster. It will look like a big stamp with the motto printed above the Statue of Liberty.

**COMMENT:** "In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." (Psalms 56:4).

**FOR WHEN THEY SHALL SAY, PEACE AND SAFETY; THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION COMETH UPON THEM, AS TRAVAIL UPON A WOMAN WITH CHILD; AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE.**

(1 Thessalonians 5:3)

- COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS SURROUNDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 -



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared between November 16 and December 15, 2002. [Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at [www.tstl.net/suddendestruction](http://www.tstl.net/suddendestruction).]

▶▶ **WHP580, December 10, 2002 - Governor Takes the 'Pledge'**

Pennsylvania will soon become one of about 29 states that require students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the national anthem each morning. It also requires a flag of at least 3-feet in length to be displayed in every classroom. Governor Schweiker signed the bill into law, which takes effect in 60 days in both private and public schools -- although students can decline to participate for religious or personal reasons.

**COMMENT:** To "require" is to "force" and to "force" not only public schools but private ones as well crosses the separation of church and state and sets the pattern or method available to fulfill Revelation 13:16, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads". This fulfillment we do not believe will be purposeful but reactionary to changing circumstances. By this new law, it sets the precedence.

▶▶ **CBN, December 6, 2002 - Sharon Says Al Qaeda Trying to Infiltrate Israel**

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is warning that the Al Qaeda terrorist network has gained a foothold in Lebanon and Gaza. Sharon told a news conference Thursday that a small number of Al Qaeda members have entered Gaza. And he said the group is working closely with Hezbollah in Lebanon. Sharon's warning comes as an Al Qaeda website announced it was opening a Palestinian branch. A communique on the Al Qaeda site claims that martyrs will "strike with all their strength at the Zionist and American arrogance in the region." If Sharon's charges about Al Qaeda are true, it could have a big impact in the war on terrorism. The Bush administration has tried to separate the U. S. war against Al Qaeda from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**COMMENT:** (Revelation 11:18) "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth." With Al Qaeda infiltrating more and more countries and each taking sides in the unofficial World War, we are seeing the beginning of this verse being fulfilled.

## ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)



### QUESTION #1 – Harrisburg, PA

How many of each animal did Noah take on the ark?

**ANSWER #1** – According to Genesis 6:19-22, the Bible says, “And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every [sort] shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep [them] alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every [sort] shall come unto thee, to keep [them] alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather [it] to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.” According to what we have just read, it looks like two of every kind of animal went on board the ark, and this is what most of has have been taught and believe.

However, let us read the account in Genesis 7:1-3 the Bible says, “And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that [are] not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.” And according to Genesis 7:7-9 the Bible says, “And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that [are] not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.”

Now since we take the stance that the Bible does not contradict itself, what shall we do with this apparent discrepancy? First, note

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## SUDDEN DESTRUCTION NEWS (CONTINUED)

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### ►► Reuters, November 18, 2002 - Secret Court Says U.S. Has Broad Wiretap Powers

A special, secretive appeals court on Monday said the U.S. government has the right to use expanded powers to wiretap suspected terrorism suspects under a law adopted by Congress after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The ruling was seen as a setback for civil libertarians who have said the expanded powers, which allow greater leeway in conducting electronic surveillance and in using information obtained from the wiretaps and searches, jeopardize constitutional rights.







**COMMENT:** “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” (Revelation 13:16). To cause is to force and force is only possible with control. Are we seeing the instruments laid to be used for the wrong purpose in the reduction of privacy? Does the United States really have a choice?

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## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

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that there was a distinction between clean and unclean animals long before there was a Jew. How did Noah know the difference? It was handed down verbally. This distinction was necessary ever since the first animal sacrifice because only the clean animals were to be sacrificed. The first animal sacrifice is well implied by the skins that Adam and Eve wore and explicitly revealed in Genesis chapter 4 regarding Cain and Abel.

The second point is that it is God's pattern in His word to provide a general statement to be followed by more details. In Genesis chapter 1, the story of creation is provided along with man being created on the sixth day all of which is in a general sense.

Chapter 2 provides the details of the creation of man in a specific sense. At the other end of the Bible, Revelation 12 is broken into two sections. The first six verses is a quick synopsis while the remaining eleven verses provide details. So Genesis chapter 6 is a general statement while Genesis 7 is more detailed.

To answer the question directly, the unclean animals went on board by male and female. The clean animals also went on board male and female but by three pairs and one extra or seven in total. The extra was used for a sacrifice after the flood.

### QUESTION #2 – Harrisburg, PA

**What is sin?**

**ANSWER #2** – 1 John 3:4 says, "*Whosoever committeth sin*

*transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*" By Bible definition, sin is simply breaking any of God's laws.

### QUESTION #3 – Harrisburg, PA

**Are some of God's laws more important or less important than others?**

**ANSWER #3** – James 2:10-11 "*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.*" God says if you break one, you have broken them all. There is no law that is more important or less important than another.