

First and Fifth Commandments

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"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail" Revelation 11:19.

This refers to October 22, 1844. The twenty-three hundred days came to an end, and Jesus transferred His work from the holy to the most holy place of the temple in heaven.

Paul tells us in Hebrews 8:1-5 that the ancient sanctuary with its priestly services was an example and shadow of heavenly things. So what was done in type is done in reality in the temple in heaven.

The most holy place was open only on the Day of Atonement for the cleansing of the sanctuary. In the most holy place there was just one article of furniture—the ark. The mercy seat was above it, and the law of God was enshrined within.

When it says the temple of God is opened in heaven, and we see the ark of His testament, we conclude we are looking into the most holy place, because that is where the ark is. We also conclude that the opening referred to here is the opening of the apartment where the ark is displayed. So we conclude that on October 22, 1844 marked the close of the twenty-three hundred days, and points to the event here described.

The temple of God was opened in heaven, and notice there was seen the ark of His testament. John does not say he saw it. Doubtless he did, but that is not what he said. He said there was seen in the temple the ark of His testament. The ark with the testament in it was brought to view at that time.

That holy law is the great center of the sanctuary. When Moses made the sanctuary here on earth God had Moses personally see to the making of everything in the sanctuary. The boards, the veils, the furniture. But He expressly stated He would present the law Himself. God did not intrust to man the making of the law or the copying of the law. He wrote it with His own finger on the unchanging stone.

So we can expect from the wording of our text that in 1844, after Jesus went into the most holy place, attention would be directed to that ark and the testament, or law, contained within it. That is exactly what happened.

October 22 was the day on which thousands of Adventists looked for the coming of the Lord. In all the churches there were those who had studied the

prophecies, and who had come to the conclusion that the Lord would appear at that time.

They were disappointed. He came exactly where He said He would come, to the most holy place. But God did not leave them to be disappointed always.

On the morning of October 23, 1844 Hiram Edson, a farmer and lay preacher in Western New York, with a number of brethren who had been with him that night, went out to his barn and shut themselves in. They prayed for a long time. They were bitterly disappointed, but they took themselves to prayer. That is a good thing to do.

Finally the light broke in their hearts that God would help them to understand what had happened. They didn't know any more than they did when they went to prayer. All they knew is that they expected Jesus to come the day before, and He had not come.

After praying earnestly and claiming the promises, they left the little farm building and went to the house for breakfast. After breakfast Hiram Edson said, "Let's go out into the community and see if we can't comfort some of the brethren who have been dissatisfied as we have been."

Two of them started out in the autumn morning walking through the field between the shocks of corn, each busy with his thoughts. Finally the young man stopped at a fence and noticed that Hiram Edson was not with him. He looked back and saw Brother Edson standing there under the open sky. He called to Brother Edson and asked what he was doing. Back came the word, "God is answering our morning prayer."

In the field the Lord showed Hiram Edson clearly that our High Priest had come to the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary the day before instead of coming to this earth. He was there now doing the work the prophecies foretold. Thus in that signal way God called the attention of His people on earth to what was transpiring in heaven. It was literally fulfilled.

Not long afterward William Farnsworth in Washington, New Hampshire had his attention directed to the sanctuary and the ark and the law that was withing it. The text that caused him to think seriously was this text we have read tonight.

Elder Eugene Farnsworth, William Farnsworth's son, used to tell how his father was the first Seventh-day Adventist, and how this text aroused his father. William Faransworth thought, I wonder what is in that ark. Taking his Bible he found out what was in that ark. His attention was directed to the law, and the keeping of the Sabbath day. Within a few years a group in New York, led by Hiram Edson, and a group in Washington, New Hampshire, a group oven in Maine where the Spirit of Prophecy had been manifested, and a group where Joseph Bates was connected with found one another, and under the guidance of the Spirit of God laid the foundation of this great Adventist movement.

I think it fitting as we pass the anniversary of that opened door to the temple in heaven that we look in through that open door and behold that ark and what is enshrined within. The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen the ark of His testament.

I wonder why that law is so important? I wonder why that testament occupies the central place of honor and attention in God's sanctuary? I will tell you why. This is the will of God.

When that law is written in our mind and hearts as it is written on the tables of stone, then and not until then will our great High Priest sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat and come and claim His waiting people. I want that time to come soon, don't you? I long for it.

I would like you to notice what is said about this. Here is a wonderful promise:

"For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin" Hebrews 10:14-18.

When is there no more offering for sin? When will the offering for sin be completed? Where remission of sin is. Remission, the blotting out of sin, is the work Jesus has gone into the most holy place to do. As soon as it is done there will be no more offering for sin. When will it be? When the law is written in the mind and heart. When it is written in our mind, then we shall know all that God expects. When it is written in our hearts, we shall love all that God commands.

That we may know all of God's will and learn to love it is why God is directing our attention to His law right now. There is no way to learn to love it without doing it. It may be possible to do it in a pharisaical way and never love it. But if Christ is in the heart, and His Spirit is reigning in our lives, then we shall love what He loves. And He loves the law.

The ark is really a symbol of Christ. Like the ark, Jesus has the law enshrined within.

"I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within My heart" Psalm 40:8.

There in the heart of Jesus the law is written forever more. He says,

"I have kept My Father's commandment" John 15:10.

If Jesus is in our hearts, the same law that was written in His heart shall be written in our heart. We shall know the Father's will and love the Father's will.

Sometimes there are experiences where in order to obey God we have to crucify self and go against our inclination. Our natural human nature is contrary to the law of God. Paul says it makes him so glad to know we are not going to go through eternity doing things because we have to.

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be"
Romans 8:7.

As long as that carnal mind has even a remnant of life within us there will be a rising up against this law, a hatred for that law. We had just as well face it. It is the truth. Did you ever feel it rising up in your heart? I have. But thank God, we are not going to have to go through eternity with that kind of experience. It makes me glad to know we are not going to go through eternity doing things because we have to. No. As day by day we look into the ark and see that holy law, by beholding we become changed into the same image from glory to glory until the time finally comes when every precept of the law is transferred to our heart, and we love it with all our souls.

But remember, that can never come when we continue in disobedience. The man who keeps transgressing, yet praying that somehow his mind and heart will be changed so he will love to do right, is praying a prayer that neither God nor Satan will answer. It is as we do the will of God, meanwhile praying for more love for it, that our natures are transformed.

I can illustrate it in a simple way. Have any of you ever enjoyed pork? Just love the stuff? I can imagine some of you could hardly wait for breakfast so you could have some nice crisp bacon or juicy ham. Are there any of you who used to enjoy and delight in pork who can honestly say it is now repulsive to you, and you hate the smell of it?

Here are people who used to love pork. Why did they quit it? Because it became repulsive? They quit it because they found in the Word of God that swine is an abomination. It is unclean. They quit it because God said to. That's why. But after they quit it do you suppose there ever came the time when they thought, Oh, I wish I had some of that ham or bacon? Do you suppose the body ever called for it? How many of you ever had craving for it after you quit it? It won't hurt to admit it. It is the truth.

Those cravings didn't last for eternity. They didn't keep on forever and ever. There came a time when those cravings turned into loathing. When the thing you used to want you now hate. How did it happen? It happened because you put your will on God's side and said, Lord, write that law in my heart.

It happened because you let the pork alone. Tell me, if you had gone down to a hamburger joint and nibbled at the stuff every few days, how long would it have taken you to lose that craving? You would still have it, wouldn't you? That is a miserable way to live. You can keep on that back and forth.

It reminds me of a way the Chinese used to torture people. They would take a man and torture him. After he had lost unconsciousness they would bring him to before he actually died. Then they would go through it again. They would keep it up a half a dozen times before he died.

That is the way people are doing to themselves. It is painful. It is disappointing. There is only one thing worse. It is to stay in sin and make no effort to get away from it. It is better to go back and forth than to just stay with the Devil.

There is something better. Ask God to write this law in your heart. And remember, temptation is not sin. Craving pork is not sin. Craving a thousand other things is not sin. It is yielding to the craving that is sin. And if you let the stuff along—whether it is pork or a thousand other things—and pray God to give you a love for His will, the time will come that everything God says will make you happy and everything that is wrong will make you miserable. Then it will be easy to live the Christian life.

Let's be willing to crucify self, and along with it let us pray earnestly to have this law written in our hearts.

The temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of the testament, His will. How many parts are there to that testament? Some say two and some say ten. Both are correct. There are ten, and they are grouped under two tables. I will not have time to look at all the details of this law, but I would like to look at one or two.

We will start with the first one. That is a good place to start. Why did God make the First Commandment first? Because it is first. It belongs right where it is.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3.

The first thing to settle is who has the authority. God says, stop right now and settle whether I am first in your life or not. Unless I am, there is no use for you to listen to the rest. If I am first, and there are no other gods before me, then I can tell you anything and you will listen to it and do it.

The whole law rests on that. Take the Fourth Commandment. Why do we keep the seventh day? Because God says to. That is reason enough. It is a question of authority. But if we do not acknowledge Him as absolute ruler, when He says to keep the seventh day we may do as a lot of other people do. We say, I do think it would be a good thing to keep a day now and then. Probably one day in seven is as good as any number, but I don't think it makes any difference which day.

What is the matter? The matter is that we have not settled the question of authority. We set up our opinion against the will of the great Creator. That is perfectly all right to do if He doesn't have the authority. But He does. Therefore it is wrong. It is awful to think of a little worm down here in this world looking up and saying, Lord, I am running myself. No one can dictate to me. No one shall tell me what to do. I am making my own decisions.

The tragedy of that is that it is not so. Nobody is running himself. Do not fool yourself into believing you are. It is true you have a choice, but your choice is whether God shall be your God or the Devil shall be your god. That is the only choice you have.

There are thousands of people who would like to get away from God, but they hate to fall into the arms of the Devil. There is only one way to get away from God, and that is the Devil. The Devil waits just like a cat waits for a mouse to come out of a hole. It waits there quietly. It doesn't scream.

Satan is waiting for is for you to turn away from God, and he pounces upon you. Never forget that. You may say you want to run your life and make your own decisions. You hate to be under restraint or restriction. You have merely the choice whether you will accept the gentle yoke of Jesus your Savior, or whether you will accept the iron yoke of Satan the Devil, your enemy. You will either serve Jesus through love, or you will serve the Devil in iron bondage that will wear your life away and take your soul to hell.

Oh, that God may help us appreciate the pain and suffering and sacrifice He has endured to break those chains and deliver us from Satan's bondage, and give us His sweet, holy, precious law. Oh, that God may give us an appreciation for it.

This world is full of disrespect for law today. The idea of liberty. It is like a lot of other things. It is like grape juice. Let it ferment a little and it makes men like the Devil. And there is a fermentation which has gone on in the minds of men concerning freedom that has produced a heady wine that makes them mad. People seem to take delight in defying or evading law. Simply showing they do not care who says what. They will do as they please. They will study how to find a way around obedience. That is the spirit of this wicked world. The Bible foretells that one of the signs of the last days is disobedience. That is what we see all around us.

The Christian is not looking for a way to disobey. In a people who have God's law written in their hearts, there is delight to obey.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that
keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus"
Revelation 14:12.

It is the Devil who is angry about it. The Devil is wroth with the woman and went to make war with those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

I am so glad we can settle the first question. God shall be first. Anything God says is settled. If He speaks through this law, we will bow down and say, Lord, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. We say, God, I thank Thee for magnifying Thy Word above all Thy name. And if He speaks through these precious volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy, we say, I thank Thee for the testimony of Jesus.

The First Commandment is at the top of the first table. It settles the question of divine authority. The second table deals with our human relationship. At the top of that table is a commandment settling the question of human authority delegated by God:

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee"
Exodus 20:12.

Do you like that commandment? Is it sweet or bitter? Does it depend on how old you are? Some people believe that is true, but I thank God it isn't true. It is a wonderful thing to be called out of this wicked world and called into the circle of love. The happiest children in the world are those who love this commandment. In fact, the ones who don't are restless, dissatisfied. Everything God said is to make us happy. Let me read that:

"The law of God, in the home life and in the government of nations, flows from a heart of infinite love" *Child Guidance*, page 259.

God said, How can I make people happy? I will make homes. I will make fathers and mothers and children. I will give the parents the responsibility of training those children as I have trained Adam and Eve. I will give those children the responsibility of obeying, listening to, and respecting their parents as their parents respect me. Thus both parents and children will learn the way of heaven on earth. It is a wonderful plan to those who love it. I hope everybody here loves to obey.

We are told that the Fifth Commandment includes not only the respect and obedience we are to give to our physical parents, but to rulers and ministers and all others to whom God has delegated authority. In other words, the Fifth Commandment settles the question of human authority. God has delegated it.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Romans 13:1.

He goes on to talk about rulers. Government in the home is ordained of God. Government in the school is ordained of God. Government in the institution is ordained of God. Government in society is ordained of God. In the home, the school, the church, and in society we are subject to certain authority.

Somebody says, That's the trouble. There is so much it wears you out.

That all depends upon what our relationship is to it. I was reading some time ago an experience that happened in one of our large cities. A hotel clerk was called to the phone. A lady said to the clerk, "You have got to do something about this. It is driving me crazy. There is somebody in the next room pounding on the piano. It is making so much noise I can't even think, and I am going crazy if you don't stop it."

The clerk quietly said, "Madam, I am afraid I will not be able to help you. That is Paderewski. He is here for a concert down at the civic auditorium."

"Oh," she said, "Is it?"

She hung up and began to call her friends all over the city. They all came up to her room and listened Paderewski playing the piano next door. He never knew what was going on, you understand. He kept on with that awful pounding on the piano that was driving her crazy until she knew who it was.

Authority needs strength, guidance, direction. The thought of it may drive you crazy if you don't get the right state of mind over it. But if you do, then you will want to call in the neighbors and say, Oh, look what I have got. A ringside seat. Come and share with me the glorious music.

I will read that to you. Both sides of it. I have been interested again and again how you pick up one of these volumes of the *Testimonies* with these personal letters Sr. White wrote to people young and old. I get to reading and they sound very personal. So as I read this to you I could write my own name in there through my own experience as a boy.

This was written to a young man. I would like to invite all the boys and young men to read this, and the girls will probably be interested in it too, because girls are something like boys.

"You feel that it is time for you to think and act for yourself. 'I am a young man, and no longer a child. I am capable of discriminating between right and wrong. I have rights, and I will stand for them. I am capable of forming my own plans of action. Who has authority to interfere with me?' These have been some of your thoughts, and you have been encouraged in them by youth who are about your age.

"You feel that you may assert your liberty and act like a man. These feelings and thoughts lead to wrong action. You have not a submissive spirit. Wise is that young man and highly blest who feels it to be his duty, if he has parents, to look up to them, and if he has not, who regards his guardian, or those with whom he lives, as counselors, as comforters, and in some respects as his rulers, and who allows the restraints of his home to abide upon him" *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 2, page 308.

That is a beautiful sentence. It is long. You can chew on it awhile. It is like zwieback. The longer you chew it the sweeter it tastes. It is a little hard for some people to like zwieback, but it has no iron in it. It just needs chewing. I hope everyone here enters into this joy.

I delight to do Thy will. If I believe that, and I am a young person, that will be my attitude toward my parents. But suppose I am not with my parents. Well, I am thankful that is one thing I don't have to put up with? Would I say that? No. The reason God gave us parents is because we need them. And if for any reason providence has allowed me to be deprived of parents, or has separated me from them, then I need somebody to take their place. I thank the Lord that if I want it I can have it.

God may not force it upon me. He will send manna from heaven, but I have to pick it up. He will give the living water, but I must come and drink it. He will provide leadership, counsel, direction, guidance, commands. But it must be my choice to allow that strength to abide upon me. If I will do that, then I can have the blessing that God has promised if I am obedient.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Oh friends, I want those long days here on earth and on through the eternal ages. Don't you? The blessed days. The days of joy and satisfaction.

As our example in all this we have Jesus. Jesus came down here to do a special work. He only had thirty-three years. He spent how many of them in the home? Thirty. The record is that He was subject to His parents (Luke 2:51). That applies up to the time when He was thirty years of age.

It is interesting that when we are growing up we go through a series of thinking. We begin to think about when we can be twelve years old. That seems to be an objective. But when we get to be twelve, we think, My, wouldn't it be wonderful to be sixteen? Eighteen? Twenty-one? After awhile people who have been looking in that direction began to look around the other way. Some of you know what I mean.

It is perfectly natural to want to grow up. But there is something the Devil puts into that beautiful wine and ferments it. And with the thought of growing up comes insubordination. I know. When I was a boy I used to think I would be so glad when I grew up so I could do what I wanted to do. I have since learned that until I get rid of that spirit I am not grown up, even if I get to be seven feet tall. I am still childish. Not childlike. Childlike is to be obedient. But childish is to kick and scream because I can't have my own way. And there is only one thing that is sadder and more tragic than a three year old doing it. That is a twenty year old or thirty year old.

As our example, Jesus spent most of His life in the home at Nazareth doing hard things. In it He was subject. That is the hard part.

There are plenty of people who would work their heads off if they could just do as they please. They would be willing to go out and hoe and milk and dig if they could just run it themselves. But to have somebody around who says, Please do it this way, Oh, I will be so glad when I can get away someplace where nobody has any authority to tell me what to do and what not to do.

There is no such place. Hell will be filled with people who thought they were going to such a place. But hell will not be like that at all. Hell is the most arbitrary, dictatorial dungeon in this universe. That is where the disobedient are going.

The peace of heaven will not be marred with unruly children. It doesn't make any difference whether they are eight years old or eighty years old, disobedience and unruly people will not be there.

If you are one of those who were not restrained when you were six or sixteen, don't think you missed something that would be painful, and you can skip it and be glad. No. You have to get it now if you expect to go to heaven. You must come to the place where you love obedience and hate disobedience.

You don't learn to hate pork by eating it every day. You don't learn to hate disobedience by disobeying every day. You can go around nibbling at those crisp bacon pieces, and you will never learn to dislike it.

But if we will come to the cross and ask Jesus to forgive us for our disobedience to God and human authority, if we will ask Jesus to help us to love His will and love obedience, and keep doing it whether we feel like it or not, the time will come when we will love to obey.

Elijah was going to be taken to heaven by and by. Looking ahead the Lord said to Elijah, There must be somebody to take your place. That somebody must be trained. Go up to the farm of Abel-meholah where Shaphat is and you will find a young man by the name of Elisha. Put your mantle on him.

We are told that Elisha had learned obedience. He was out there working on the farm. He was not sitting around twiddling his thumbs, or off to town cutting up. Nothing of the kind. He was out working hard.

Elijah came and put his mantle on Elisha. Elisha went with him. We are told that for a long time he had simple things to take care of. He poured water on Elijah's hands. It would have been easy for him to think, Anybody can pour water on Elijah's hands. What do I have to be here for? I had better be back home looking after my father's house. Back there we got a lot done.

Yes, anybody could pour water on Elijah's hands. But Elisha happened to be the one God selected. He appreciated being with Elijah. He did what he was told. When Elijah went to heaven, what did Elisha do? He put on the mantle and did the work that Elijah had been doing.

There are boys and girls and young men and women here. It makes me glad to think that God is seeking to prepare you as He prepared Elisha to take your place in this closing work. Yes, to work miracles as Elisha did. But how will you be trained? In the same way Elisha was. First to learn the lessons of obedience in the common things of life, then to learn the lessons of obedience in spiritual service with those older and more experienced. Listen as I read:

"Young, inexperienced workers should be trained by actual labor in connection with these experienced servants of God. Thus they will learn how to bear burdens.

"And the young men to whom the word of consecration has been spoken, whose privilege it is to be brought into close association with earnest, godly workers, should make the most of their opportunity. God has honored them by choosing them for His service and by placing them where they can gain greater fitness for it, and they should be humble, faithful, obedient, and willing to sacrifice. If they submit to God's discipline, carrying out His directions and choosing His servants as their counselors, they will develop into righteous, high-principled, steadfast men, whom God can entrust with responsibilities" *Prophets and Kings*, page 222,223.

Obedience pertains not only to the cradle and nursery, not only to the school, but to the association of young workers with older workers. We never outlive those precious lessons. Concerning Jesus, He learned obedience. It is our privilege to learn obedience.

When I look back at my own boyhood and think of how stubborn and perverse I was, I thank the Lord that He gave me parents that required obedience. It wasn't always pleasant to me. Far from it. It wasn't just whippings I got. If you knew how many I got you would know it was a big number. But I would have been glad and willing to take twice as many if I could have just had my own way.

After I got into my teens I was trying to serve the Lord. I was trying to be a Christian. But I used to wish at least once a week that I could go off without having to ask somebody. Some of you may doubt what I am saying, and some of you may feel sorry for me, but don't doubt it or feel sorry, for I am telling the truth. Until I went into the ministry with Elder Tindell I had to make arrangements with my parents before I went anywhere. That's right. They knew where I was. And I wasn't one of these angels you read about. I wasn't one of these models people write stories about.

Why didn't I rebel? I could have. I waited as much then as I do now. And I had learned how to do some things with my hands that I could make a living from. It wasn't that I was afraid I wouldn't get something to eat if I went out on my own. There was one thing that held me to that program of rigid discipline. It was that I wanted to be a Christian. I knew that to be a Christian it meant to be like Jesus. That meant to be obedient to my parents. Even though I thought I knew better than they did sometimes, I knew that if I rebelled and took the thing into my own hands, whatever I would be I would not be a Christian.

I didn't have to live too many years after that before I was thankful. And with each passing year I am more thankful not only that God gave me parents, but that

He gave me parents that required obedience, who believed the Bible and the *Testimonies*.

The next step in my experience was going with Elder Tindell. Elder Tindell was not the kind who encouraged me to turn away from parental control. He didn't come around and say, Bill, you are kind of shut in here. I think I will give you some kind of freedom. Come with me and have a wonderful time. No, he talked and counseled with my parents. And it was in counsel with my parents that I went into the work with Elder Tindell.

I went into an apprenticeship that required obedience. I remember the first night I went to work. We went to San Francisco, and an emergency kept me up until after midnight. It was the first time I had been up after midnight since I had been on nursing duty at Loma Linda.

When I got home in the wee hours of the morning my mother said, "Bill, I see I have got to turn you over to Elder Tindell." In other words, she couldn't watch over me now. I had another master. But I wasn't out on my own.

For several years I looked at him like these young men who were trained of old looked to those who trained them. Like Timothy with Paul. And I was expected to be obedient.

I remember once when I wasn't. I remember how the Lord worked with me and helped me get right. As I look back through the days that have passed I thank God for His holy law. I thank God for the privilege of being in a training program here tonight that is based upon His law. And one of the things that gladdens my heart is the joy of being associated with workers and students who love and learning to love more these principles of obedience to law, human and divine. I thank God for the fine young people we have here who are learning these lessons.

I would be foolish and blind if I imagined there were no struggles of heart over these questions. I know that in many a young heart, yes, and in some who are older, there come times when there are feelings to chafe. In this program we all at one time or another have to submit to authority. Happy are those who do it with joy. Who seek it rather than seek to run from it. Who embrace it with joy.

No matter how much authority you get there will always be somebody you need to look to for counsel and direction and leadership. Happy are those who settle this question for time and eternity. Then the spirit of lawlessness cannot get in. Then the disobedience becomes a sign of the time outside, but is absent from the camp of the saints. Let's pray the prayer of David, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law" Psalms 119:18. Let's say with him, Oh, how love I Thy law, it is my meditation all the days.

The law is written in the heart of Jesus. Therefore he who breaks the law breaks the heart of the Son of God. There is no way to separate the two. To be disobedient is to make Jesus sad. To repent brings joy to His soul.

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