

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His Commandments: for this is The Whole Duty Of Man.”
Ecclesiastes 12:13 KJV

Jesus said it this way, *“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.”* Men try to complicate the simplicity of Truth with all sorts of arbitrary additions. Adam was the first culprit. Eve had not heard God say *“Thou shalt not eat,”* but had been told by Adam, who obviously had added, *“neither shall ye touch it.”* As soon as Eve spoke, Satan knew he had the upper hand. *“Now the*



serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, ‘Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ (question) And the woman said unto the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, NEITHER SHALL YE TOUCH IT, lest ye die.’ And the serpent said unto the woman, ‘Ye shall not surely die: (lie) 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.’ And when the woman SAW (temptation) that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be DESIRED to make one wise, she TOOK of the fruit thereof, and DID EAT, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.” God never said, “Don’t touch.” He said, “Don’t eat.” Satan knows God’s Word, so you better know it, too, or he will use your ignorance to question God and deceive you with doubts, fears, and temptations! To obey God you must know His Word. To know His Word is to know Him. To know God is to love Him. If you don’t love and fear God, you neither know God nor His Word! Don’t fear your circumstances; just fear and obey God.

We ought not doubt and go astray,
God’s Word should be our Hope and Stay,
And we should keep it ev’ry day,
Or sin will damn us on that Day! –CGP

If we would concentrate on knowing God’s Word, the Great Commandment would be our very heart’s desire! *“Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* What is your heart’s desire? To be loved unconditionally? You want unconditional Love? Go to God as you are; unworthy and sinful and repent at His Feet/ he will forgive you and transform you into His Child, forever! Jesus Said, *“Him that cometh to Me, I Will in no wise cast out.”* Read, know, and believe God’s Word, or Satan will tempt you to believe a lie!

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from Wrath through Him. – We love Him, because He first Loved us.” Romans 5:6-9 – 1 John 4:19 KJV