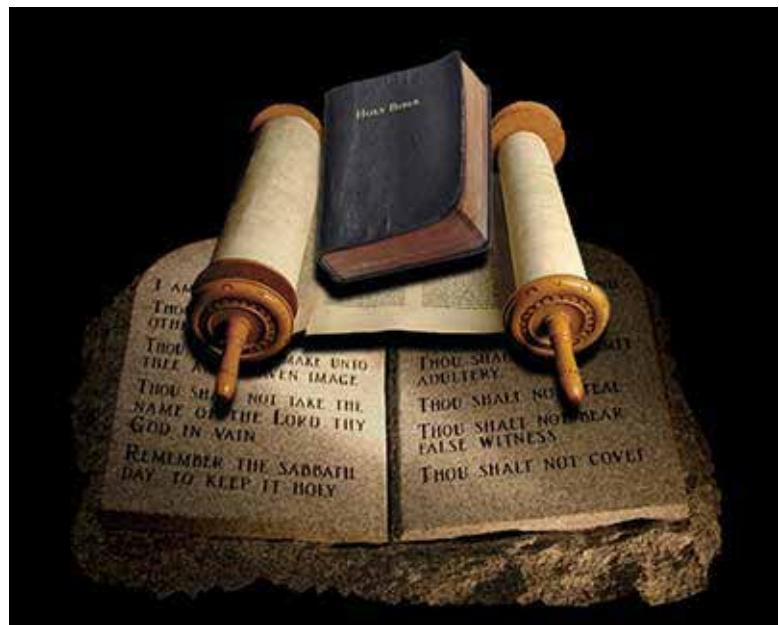


"And this is His Commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us Commandment. And he that keepeth (obeys) His Commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us." **1 John 3:23-24 KJV**

Men often define provision as "blessings," but God's Blessings are His Commandments. God's Word says, "*And God created...every living creature that moveth...AND GOD BLESSED THEM* saying, 'Be fruitful, and multiply.' *And...God created man in His own image...AND GOD BLESSED THEM* [saying], 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue



it...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 (provision)." In both cases, God's Blessing was a command and obedience guaranteed provision. God spent five days creating Adam's provision before Adam even existed! We assume obedience induces God to provide our needs, but the Truth is, provision already exists as needed for our lives if we obey God's Word. God's Word directs us to His supply already there and is therefore the actual Blessing! Adam had everything he needed to obey God's commands. Disobedience took him from the Path of Provision cursing him; leaving him to provide his own needs by the "sweat of his brow. Sin is the transgression (disobedience) of the Law." God's Law! I wonder if childbirth would be pain free if Adam had obeyed God's "Blessings?" God's commands guide men to His provision! "*Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU.*" Who provides your needs? You or God? You can't grow corn with tomato seeds!

God's sweet commands His blessings are,
No matter if you're near or far,
To find supply for ev'ry need,
Obey God's Word with ev'ry deed. ~CGP

What commands did Jesus give? "*Believe also in me, and love one another.*" Jesus showed unbroken continuity between the Old and New Covenants of God by His answer to a lawyer who "asked Him, 'Master, which is the Great Commandment?' Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart (emotions), and with all thy soul (being), and with all thy mind (thoughts). 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.' The Law did not change! Its price was paid in full by Jesus Christ for "every one that believeth! He that believeth NOT is condemned already, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED!" You can believe and obey God or stay condemned by God's Law! If you don't obey God's Word, you don't believe God's Word! "*Faith is the...evidence of things NOT seen.*" Obedience is the evidence of faith; faith is the evidence of God! Does your life prove God's existence?

"*For this is the Love of God, that we keep (obey) His Commandments: and His Commandments are not grievous.*" **1 John 5:3 KJV**