

## Going Forward

Mark 14:35—*And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.*

For what we have got to bear, in the weaknesses of the flesh and the limitations of the mind all will say let this hour pass from me.

The Holy Ghost reveals through the cries of Christ the Work and Will of God.

John 7:37—*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

38—*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

39—*(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Matthew 11:28—*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

29—*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

30—*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Galations 6:2—*Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*

Romans 2:15—*Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)*

John 8:9—*And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

### I. The Law of Christ

#### a. The work of the law revealed.

##### i. The design, the purpose, or object of the revealed law;

1. To make known to man his duty

2. To enforce the obligation to perform it.

This does not mean, by any means, that they had all the knowledge which the law would impart, but as far as they had knowledge of right and wrong, they learned from the revealed will of God given to Israel engraved in stone, the word written by the Prophets in scrolls and the spoken word by the Prophet's continual warning.

b. The Will of God revealed

- i. **Not** made known by reason but made known to reason with help.
- ii. Made known by revelation

*Acts 10:38—How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

*2Cor. 1:21—Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*

*1John 2:27—But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him*

*John 16:13—Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

*1Samuel 12:6—And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.*

*7—Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers.*

*Job 13:3—Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.*

*Isaiah 1:18—Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

*Jonah 2:2—And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.*

*2Peter 2:2—And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*

1. Revelation will be the same so far as reason goes.
2. The difference is, the Holy Ghost, revelation goes further with the reasoning anointed;
  - a. Gives light on the duties
    - i. For the Believer
    - ii. For the Baptized Believer
    - iii. For the Building Believer
    - iv. For the Bride

b. Gives light on doctrines

As the information given by the naked eye and the telescope is the same, except that the telescope carries the sight forward, and reveals new worlds to the sight of man.

The microscope carries forward and magnifies the small things

The mind is guided forward by Revelation from the Holy Ghost to the mind of Christ. Phil. 2:5; I Peter 4:1:

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Gen. 26:12-35 reason only equals grief without help

Ex 14:15—*And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

Hebrews 5:14—*But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil*

I. The Lord will deal with men as they deal with each other.

Nu 32:19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

Jer 7:24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

Instead of praising or commending ourselves, we should strive to approve ourselves to God, and his approval will be our best commendation.

2Cor. 10:18 For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

**2 Timothy 2:15**—Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**2Samuel 22:27**—*With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury.*

**Psalms 18:26**—*With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward. {shew thyself froward: or, wrestle}*

Deut. 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

**Ephesians 6:10**—Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11—*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand **against** the wiles of the devil.*

12—*For **we wrestle** not against flesh and blood, but **against** principalities, **against** powers, **against** the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against** spiritual wickedness in high places.*

2 Corinthians 10:3—*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4—(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

5—*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

6—*And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.*

7—*Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.*

12—*For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.*

1Peter 3:15—*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

## II. The Love of Christ

### a. The work of the Gospel

Mark 13:10—*And the gospel must first be published among all nations.*

16:15—*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

### b. The Power of the Gospel

Romans 5:5—*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the **love of God is shed abroad in our hearts** by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

8:35—*Who shall separate us from the **love of Christ**? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

2Cor. 5:14—*For the **love of Christ** constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

Eph. 3:19—*And to know the **love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

1John 3:18—*My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

**2Samuel 22:26**—*With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.*

**Matthew 5:7**—*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

**James 2:13**—*For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.*

### III. Rewards apply to both the righteous and the wicked

Both the righteous and the wicked are to be rewarded by God for their deeds, for everything they have done.

Matthew 7:2—*For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*

- Whatsoever a person sows, he will reap.
- Whatsoever a person measures, the same will be measured back to him

2Cor. 9:6—*But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

Galations 6:7—*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8—For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*

9—**And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**

Merciful? The LORD will prove to be merciful.

Blameless? The LORD will prove to be blameless

Pure? The LORD will prove to be pure

Devious or wicked? The LORD will prove Wise and Powerful.

Proud and haughty? The LORD will debase and bring down.

FROWARD? The Lord will wrestle a while.

**Genesis 30:8**—*And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.*

{great...: Heb. wrestlings of God}

{Naphtali: that is, My wrestling: Gr. Nephthalim}

**32:24**—*And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

*25—And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.*

**Matthew 17:14**—*And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,*

*15—Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.*

*16—And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.*

*17—Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.*

*18—And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*

*19—Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?*

*20—And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

**Mark 9:19**—*He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.*

**Luke 9:41**—*And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.*

**Mark 1:27**—*And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.*

The Lord teaches us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us."

If we act willingly and mercifully towards our fellow creatures, God will act tenderly and compassionately towards us.

**Mark 16:15**—*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

**Col 1:23**—*If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

**Psalm 101:4**—*A froward heart shall depart from me:*

**I will not know a wicked person.**

Matthew 7:23—*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

2Timothy 2:19—*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*

Leviticus 10:3—*Then Moses said unto Aaron, **This is it that** the LORD spake, saying, **I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me,** and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.*

Numbers 16:5—*And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.*

Job 5:13—*He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.*

#### God is the author of Justice

Genesis 18:19—**For I know him,** that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do **justice** and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Deut. 33:21—*And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the **justice** of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.*

Psalm 89:14—**Justice** and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face

Proverbs 2:12—*To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things;*

15—*Whose ways are crooked, and they froward in their paths:*

3:32—*For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.*

4:24—*Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.*

6:12—*A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.*

8:8—*All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.*

13—*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*

10:31—*The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom: but the froward tongue shall be cut out.*

11:20—*They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.*

16:28—*A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.*

30—*He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.*

17:20—*He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.*

21:8—*The way of man is froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work is right.*

22:5—*Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.*

1Peter 1:22—*Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

2:18—*Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

Obedience to the Law is Liberty

Law obeyed is Love

Law obeyed is a perfect freedom

Love makes Christ's service a perfect freedom