906 1 JOHN. Vv.   
   
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 that loveth him that begat loveth one that loveth him that   
 him also that is begotten of him. begat loveth kim also that   
 2 Herein we know that we love the is begotten of him. ? By   
 children of God, when we love God, this we know that we love   
 the children of God, when   
 we love God, and keep his   
 efernaiv-15, and do his commandments. § ¢ For commandments. 3 For this   
 F3a%e. this is the love of God, that we is the love of God, that we   
 fMiean vis. keep his commandments. And ‘his keep his commandments :   
 Matt 3i-90- commandments are not grievous, and his commandments are   
 not grievous. 4 For what-   
 Job xe 83. 4 because all that is begotten of] scever is born of God over-   
 ehetied, God overcometh the world : and this cometh the world : and this   
 is the victory that hath overcome the is the victory that over-   
   
   
 of all the children of God, “ every one that ‘This declaration, that His commandments   
 believeth, §¢.,” he, as so frequently, takes are not grievous, has, as did ch. iii.   
 it up again below, ver. 4, with ‘a more furnished some of the Roman-Catholic   
 general reference, and dwells on our faith Commentators with an opportunity of   
 as the principle which overeomes the world: charaeterizing very severely the Protestant   
 see there): and every one who loveth him position, that none ean keep God’s com-   
 that begat (these words take up again the mandments. But here, as there, the reply   
 former, “if any say, I love God,” ch. iv. is obvions and easy. The course of the   
 20), loveth also him that is begotten of Apostle’s argument here, as introduced in   
 him (viz. the brother of whom the former the next verse by because, substantiates   
 clause spoke: not, as Augustine and others, this fact, His commandments are not   
 Christ, the Son of God. As Calvin says, grievous, by shewing that all who are   
 “Under this singular number he designates horn of God are standing in and upon   
 all the faithful. It is an argument drawn the victory which their faith has ob-   
 from the common order of nature”). tained over the world. In this victorious   
 2.) And indeed so inseparable are the two, state, and in as far as they have advanced   
 that. as before, iv. 20, our love to our into it, in other words in proportion as   
 brethren was made a sign and necessary the divine life is developed and dominant   
 condition of our love to God, so conversely, in them, do they find those eommand-   
 our love to God, ascertained hy our keep- ments not grievous. If this state, in its   
 ing His commandments, is itself the mea- ideality, were realized in them, there would   
 snre of our love to the children of God, be no difficulty for them in God’s eom-   
 Either of the two being found to be pre- mandments : it is because, and in so far as,   
 sent, the presence of the other follows. sin is still reigning in their mortal bodics,   
 In this we know that we love the chil- and their wills are unsubdued to God’s will,   
 dren of God (this, the children of God, that any grievousness, any burden, remains   
 takes up again, “him that is begotten of in keeping those commandments),   
 him” of the preceding verse), when (in- 4.] because (reason, why His command-   
 definite ; “in every case where”) we love ments are not grievons) all that is be-   
 God, and do His commandments (this gotten of God (the neuter is here used as   
 adjunct is made, as the following verse gathering together in one, under the   
 shews, in order to introduce an equivalent eategory of “begotten of God,” the “we”   
 to loving God, by which its presence may implied in the last verses) conquereth (of   
 be judged). 8.] For (explaining the habit: simply predicated of the category,   
 connexion of the two preceding clauses) the “all that is born of God”) the world (the   
 love of God is this fers in this), that kingdom of evil under its prince the devil,   
 (explanatory: what he means by this) God’s adversary, ‘The argument then is   
 we keep His commandments. And His th The commandments of God are not   
 commandments are not grievous (the grievous: for,although in keepingthem there   
 reason, why they are not grievous, is is ever a conflict, yet that conflict in   
 given in the next verse. Almost all the universal vietory : the whole mass of the   
 Commentators refer to Matt. xi. 86, “ Dfy born of God conquer the world: therefore   
 yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” none of us need contemplate failure, or faint