

Did God Really Mean It?

John 17:13-21

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"... but of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."
- Genesis 2:17

"Therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken."
- Genesis 3:23

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"Honor your father and mother."
Exodus 20:12

"You hypocrites!"
Matthew 15:7

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"Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have ..."
1 Samuel 15:3

"Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord?"
1 Samuel 15:19

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"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."
- 1 Peter 2:11

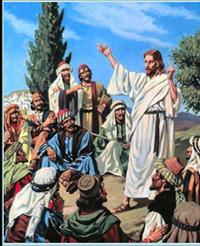
"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar; and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland."
- Hebrews 11:13-14

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- ❖ Are more interested in padding their retirement account than helping a brother
- ❖ Really need that 2nd home but don't need to help spread the gospel
- ❖ Prefer to spend social time with cool worldly friends but not with embarrassing or boring brothers and sisters
- ❖ More focused on their hobby than the Bible



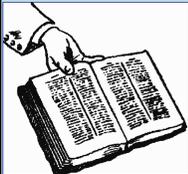
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"So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple."
- Luke 14:33

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."
- Luke 14:26

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"And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment ..."
- Hebrews 9:27

- ✓ Every thought (1 Corinthians 4:5)
- ✓ Every word (Matthew 12:36)
- ✓ Every deed (Revelation 20:13)

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"He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."
- Mark 16:16

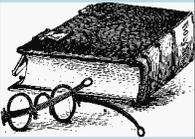
"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
- Galatians 3:27



"Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience."
- 1 Peter 3:21

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"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'"
- Romans 8:15



"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
- Matthew 11:29-30

Conclusions

- ☞ We serve an awesome God – He does not have man's characteristics
- ☞ There are no "throw-away" words in the Bible
- ☞ Our attitude towards the Bible is the same as our attitude towards God