God Cares

As a child I had neither Bible nor books to teach me;
Yet I knew that God cares.
But on that broad road I traveled
Dancing, drinking and caring not, but for self.
I found no happiness, nor peace.
As anxious wife and fearful mother,
In stubbornness I knew no peace.
Then I learned how helpless I was and put my trust in Him.
Life is full of bumps and curves -- I've had my share.
But peace I have, for now I know no fear,
For I know that God cares.
I have traveled near and very far. By plane and bus,
And boat and car. Other ways I've also gone,
But back to home I've always gone.

For God is richly blessing me.

In work, play, school and family.
What more could I really need?
To me it's a mystery indeed.
Yet with silver head and feeble hands
I still try to do my part.

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Lesson # 14



A true Child that trusts in God is



Like a Tree Planted by the Water

which brings forth his fruit in its season. Its leaf shall not wither; and in all his doings it shall prosper. A true child of God puts God first in his life, spends time, and extends patience and loving care toward his neighbor and brother or sister. A God fearing person is easily entreated, exercises restraint, is self-disciplined, speaks the truth only and does not judge human faults.

What does God require of His children? "Jesus said unto him, Thou shall 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. And the second is like unto it, thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Mat. 22:37-40)

Jesus said.

"If ye love Me, keep My commandments" (Jn: 14:15). Seeing how Jesus emphasizes that on these two commandments hang all His given commandments of His law. And "if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1Jn: 1:7).

In Matthew 5:17-18 we are told:

son we shall reap, if we faint not. As we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal: 6:7-10).

It is further advisable to read 1Cor: 3:9-14. Every man's work shall be made manifest. God's children know that Jesus Christ was exalted and raised up by the Father, and was made unto us a Prince and Saviour of all mankind. Through repentance we now receive forgiveness of our sins. There is no other foundation through which we can be saved! "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

In Acts 5:30-32 we read:

"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

Therefore let us praise and thank God our Lord and Saviour for the loving grace, compassion and care He has bestowed upon us all.

Christ" (Rom: 14:10). — "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom: 14:12).

Let us remember the words of Galatians 6:7, because they are the golden rule as well as a warning when we read: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. "A child of God can and will forgive bad deeds the same as Jesus forgives us our sins. When we love one another treat each other right-eously, then God will listen to us and give us all we need. He will answer our prayers. The Bible gives proof that God answers the call of His children

Let us read 2 Samuel 22:5-7:

"When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid; The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me; In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and **He did hear** my voice out of His temple, and my cry did enter into His ears."

Luke 11:13 gives us an example:

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

And Proverbs 8:17 states:

"I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.

Everyone who professes to love God has to abstain from evil, or he will not be able to enter into God's heavenly kingdom. God gave us our minds to decide where we want to stand. We either choose for or against His will. Let us not become deceived, because "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due sea-

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

With these words we get to understand that Jesus did not cancel any of His Ten Commandments, which He had written with His own finger into two tablets of stone, but assures us that on these two mentioned and summarized commandments hang all the law. Because the first four commandments tell us how to build our relationship and love towards God and the other six tell us how we should relate to our brethren and neighbors.

In Timothy 1: 5 we read:

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:"

Ecclesiastes simply states in chapter 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

The language is very plain and excludes any misunderstanding. Man's duty is to keep God's commandments! Who than dares to say otherwise? Certainly not a child of God for it worships Jesus Christ as his our Lord and maker.

In Psalms 29:2 we read:

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Psalms 96:4-6 tells us:

"For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindred of the people, give unto

the Lord glory and strength." And in Isaiah 12:8 we read: "I am the LORD: that is My name: and My Glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images."

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When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue fails for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. (Is: 41:17)

A child of God should not fear nor be ashamed: neither be confounded; for God shall forget the shame of its youth (Is: 54:4). The Lord will take care that forgiven sins will not be remembered any more. They are not only forgiven, but also forgotten. For God tells us in Hebrews 10:17: "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

Therefore "fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness" (Is: 41:10). For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee" (Is: 41:13).

Every child of God declares: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; the God of my rock; in Him will I trust: He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Saviour; Thou savest me from violence. I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." (2 Samuel 22:2-4)

It demonstrates to us how we should love and trust in God and His word. Is there also a way shown in how to love your neighbor? Certainly! Look at Exodus 20:12-17 everything is explained with His given directives we ought to live by. He tells us how to honour our father and mother. We are not supposed to kill, neither to commit adultery or to steal. We are in no way allowed to bear false witness against our neighbor, nor shall we show any greed to get things which belong to our neighbor or brother. In other

words we are told to deal honestly with our fellow man and not work ill against him, because our reward, which we get at the time of judgement, will be according to our deeds. If we follow God's commandments, given to us as guidelines, we do not need to fear His wrath, because the revenge for bad deeds is God's.

For we read in Revelation 22:12-15:

"Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loves and makes a lie."

And Revelation 14:12 reads:

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Are God's children supposed to judge their fellow man? Certainly not, because the judgement will be Christ's. But we ought to save our fellow man from making mistakes. One can and should make him aware of his misdeeds, and show him how God sees his act. God's general advice to this matter is found in Matthew 7:12 with the words: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

In Romans 14:4, 10 and 12 we read the warning: "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand." — "But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why do thou set at naught thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of