

"If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward him; if iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. For then shalt thou Lift Up Thy Face Without Spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:" Job 11:13-15 KJV

Believers have the power to expel sin from their lives through obedience to the Blessed Preserving Truth of God's Holy Word. The crux of the matter is the desire to do so. When given a choice, we do exactly what we want to do. We don't delight in the Lord, because we'd rather delight in carnal desire. We buy in to the worldly philosophy of "Buy now, pay later" and jobs become bondage. If you "buy" on credit you pay up to 50% more than you would have paid by either saving and waiting or doing without. This Satanic philosophy gives the satisfaction of possession without the toil of procurement. Creditors become masters, and self-gratification becomes shackles! If I first seek *"the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, ALL these things shall be added unto [me]."* Borrowing to "buy" for which I have no funds is actually unbelief and fulfillment of lust. Live obediently to God's Word and His Provision will line the Path of obedience; always on time; not a minute too soon or too late! Stress will vanish, Peace will reside, and your Joy will be full. I cannot pray for God's Provision for even my own loved ones if they are disobedient to God's Word! All I can do is set an example for them to follow. Quit slaving to appease lust and *"lift up thy face"* to the Joy of trusting obedience. Men don't obey, because they don't trust. These are two sides of the same coin. Obedience breeds trust and trust breeds obedience. Obedience is a choice, because God's Word says, *"LET this Mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. LET not sin therefore reign in your mortal body. Let the Peace of God rule in your hearts. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. LET your speech be always with Grace. LET us hold fast our profession. LET us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace. LET brotherly love continue. LET your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have."* The word, LET, implies it would be so, if allowed, and if it is not, then our choice has prevented it. Believers obey; unbelievers do not.



When all is dark despair and doom,
It is ourselves who chose this gloom,
Lift up thy face to Truth and Grace,
And Christ will all thy doom erase. –CGP

Consequences of choices have been predetermined by God. If we wish to know them before we choose, we must *"Study to show [ourselves] approved unto God; rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."* You are either bound by sin or you walk in the Liberty procured through obedience to Truth. Discontent is a choice, not a condition. You would not grant your enemy's request and neither will God! Jesus Said, *"He that is not with Me is against ME; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth."* The desire to obey God's Word is the earmark of every believer. Their obedience, when it is a hard choice, is the evidence of their faith; *"the GIFT of God."* Unbelievers enjoy disobedience and are God's enemies!

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the ENEMY of God." James 4:3-4 KJV