

“Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins...Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer.” Psalms 19:12-14 KJV



We all have secret faults, dread them, but find ourselves powerless against them. We search and try, but no matter what we do they still pop their ugly little heads up. We must realize with Paul, *“Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.”* As long as we are present in this carnal body we will have to deal with its impulses and lusts. We are not told to resist temptation, but to flee it. *“Flee fornication. Flee from idolatry. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”* You can’t expect your soul to stay pure if you allow the world to dump its garbage into it all day long! You alone choose that which you see and hear! Job made a covenant to avoid temptation. *“I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?”* Satan has had six thousand years of study versus your few short years of experience and knows exactly what to do to entice the body. Rest assured, your body will follow for it is *“carnal, sold under sin.”* Unbelievers do not struggle with sin as believers do, because *“the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”* Believers have been given choice by God given sight through faith in the Holy Scriptures, but you cannot believe what you do not know! Believers can choose to yield to another Law, the Law of Faith. While we may still experience all the impulses and desires of the sinful flesh, we are empowered to overcome them through the obedience of faith. Obedience is flight from temptation! The Holy Spirit works in our thoughts to remind, rebuke, restrain, and refresh us as we *“fight the good fight of faith.”* We may not understand why we should obey, but we can trust God’s Word.

We cannot let the secret sin,
Prevent our peace and joy within,
We must confess, obey, and love,
Until we see our Home above. -CGP

The old soldier’s motto has never been truer, “Ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do or die.” If we disobey, we depart from Jesus, *“the LIFE,”* but, *“If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship.”* Our *“LIFE is hid with Christ in God.”* We must pray with David, *“Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins.”* The more we obey God’s Word, the more empowered we’ll be. Loving God, reading, meditating, obeying His Word, confessing sin, forgiveness, and loving the brethren are the foundation stones of victorious the Christian life. *“Delight thyself also in the LORD and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* Trust, obey, and wisdom and desire follow. Sin only rules when we let it.

“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness...for as ye have yielded your members (bodies) servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members (bodies) servants to Righteousness unto Holiness.” Romans 6:18-19 KJV