

"Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.'" *John 14:23 KJV*



The word *ōkeepö* comes from the old English castle. The castle *ōkeepö* was an impregnable part of the structure; a place hard to enter; a place where people or possessions could not be breached. It had narrow and steep access that almost always went up. It was heavily guarded with fierce warriors. The walls were thick stone and the windows high and narrow. In other words, you would probably die trying to breach it. Believers flout and tout faith as if it was truly their reason for living, but deny it in secret with thoughts and actions when no one else is watching. You may outwardly convince men of your sincerity, but you will never deceive God. *"All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."* It seems we place a higher value on men's opinions than God's regard. Some convince many with charisma, outright lies, and meaningless words they are sincere. They depend on the short memory span of pleasure seeking fools. Satan does the same. Men die after a few years and he reintroduces the old lies with a new face to a new generation of fools who repeat history out of willful ignorance. Evil historians whitewash past wickedness and bury it under a multitude of lies. It matters little what the Truth actually is. A lie told often and loudly enough is readily believed by fools! When the *ōcrowdö* follows naysayers, Truth becomes a casualty in the hearts and minds of those blinded by unbelief. *"The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* Truth must be *ōkeptö* deep in our hearts where nothing can reach or steal it. *"Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee."* The Spirit of Truth will stand guard and fatally oppose any and all marauders. *"He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."* Our Love for Jesus is our motivation to keep, obey, Truth. *"We love Him, because He first loved us."* Do you love Jesus when no one is watching? Do you obey His Word even when you are alone? Satan has spies in your castle. *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* He whispers doubt into every mind! *"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts (whispers of doubt and temptation) of the wicked."* Satan cannot read your mind, but He or one of his demons watch what you do all the time and they know when to attack!

Is your *ōcastle keepö* well kept?  
Or has it fallen while you've slept?  
Be ever sober and alert,  
And you will trouble sure avert. ~CGP

The believer is behind enemy lines until we are rid of this corrupt flesh! Without constant communication, *"pray without ceasing,"* we are cut off. We must *"meditate day and night"* in God's Word or become another statistic. *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom."* Maybe it's time to resupply.

*"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:4-8 KJV*