

and captive souls. To dissipate the dark shadow from afflicted homes, to make all labor and trial and temptation a means of improvement and something to be thankful for. It would be the grandest discovery ever made if all men could learn that Christ comes only to bless, and that all hearts and homes would be revived by His coming as much as the waste is revived by the rain.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LAW.

“Buy the Truth and sell it not” is the exhortation of the Word of God. Prov. xxiii. 23. God has taken every means to impress upon man the value of the truth—its inestimable value. Error allures, entices, ensnares; it is seductive, is made by Satan to appear attractive. He is able to mix truth with error, to make error appear to be truth, and it is not only the unsaved who are in danger from error, but the people of God are, we know, often seduced into receiving error as truth and in place of it. The attitude we should have towards Scripture is that of learners; we must be willing to learn what He has to teach, and not as is so common, simply go to the Word to find proof-texts for some theory or doctrine we have adopted. This is a course fatal to any finding out of the truth of God.

We must let God teach us, must be teachable, or we shall surely fall into error. Take the law as an example. How much of error there has been among the people of God as to it, and this has paved the way for Seventh Day Adventism to come in and seduce many into accepting

in place of the teachings of Scripture, the teachings of this system. The churches would have it that God requires His people to keep the law, that it is His people's rule of life, and this error opened the door and gave easy entrance to the whole system of law keeping and the Sabbath keeping delusions.

God has made His Word so plain that only a false system taught from early years and the natural delight of the heart in legal works as a means of pleasing God, could blind men to His truth as to law and law keeping. The simple question is this: Is law God's sole principle of dealing with man, and did Christ come to enable man to better keep God's law, or does God deal with man in pure grace, having given the law to Israel alone? In other words, Does God require man to do for blessing? or does God give blessing to the believer in His Word? Or put it another way, Does God act from what He in Himself is? or does He act from what man does? Put it in still another way, and in regard to the natural man, the unsaved sinner, Is a man who has kept all the commandments from his youth up, who touching the righteousness of the law is blameless any better in the sight of God than an ordinary sinner? Can an unsaved—an unbelieving man do any works of righteousness to commend himself to God?

What does the Scripture lay all stress upon, doing, or believing? The Bible is certainly plain enough. The trouble is, people do not search it; are ignorant of it, and take the words of men instead of the plain