

Luke 6:46, “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

♪ God is pleading with us, to obey His commands. Is that not something we should do? ♪



Last week’s verse was John 14:15, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” It amazes me how God organizes these lessons to fit together. He not only gives the tunes to the verses, but He also directs the order in which they are studied. I pray over every verse asking Him to show me which week a verse should be presented. The order of these two verses definitely demonstrates how God desires to order and direct even the small things in our lives if we simply ask Him.

When I read Luke 6:46, I hear the deep sorrow in the heart of God as He pleads with us to follow His commands. He desires for us to love Him. Isn’t that why He created us; to show love through our obedience and praise? Isn’t that something we should desire to do?

As a teenager during a time of rebellion, I said something I wish I could take back. I looked at my mother and in the heat of the moment said, “I hate you”. As I watched the look of hurt on her face, I felt the thrill of revenge. But I soon learned that the instant thrill turned into a lifetime of regret. She never shed a tear in front of me but as I became an adult and we talked about this event, she told me of the many nights she cried herself to sleep as she thought upon my hatred and words that cut her deeply. Even years later, the image would flood into her mind and she struggled with feelings of sorrow. I never realized until years later how those three words hurt her deeply. Was she watching my actions for years after that time, wondering if I meant my words of affection? How many hours of watching and listening to my words and acts of love were needed to finally erase those few seconds of hatred?

For years, my sorrow revolved only around myself. I was embarrassed with my actions and I was sorry I had hurt her. But honestly, I never thought deeply about her hurt. It wasn't until she shared her hurt that my heart ached in a way it never ached before.

As we think upon this verse, may we think upon the actual hurt of God when we do not follow His commands; when our love for Him is only superficial. May it motivate us to keep ourselves walking along the narrow path, keeping a close eye on the intent of our hearts.