

Potter's Right

Since man is a created being, and not the Creator, it would behoove us to understand the potter's right over the clay and admit that God has the right to command and expect obedience.

In Genesis 2:16-17, "Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

The scriptures tell us that sin (a violation of God's law), has consequences. In the text, the consequence is death. Death, even as we know it, is separation. In the flesh it is a separation of the body and the spirit, in which case, "the dust returneth to the earth as it was, and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes. 12:7). In the spiritual realm death is a separation from God which ushers in a condition where "your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2).

Though, "God made man upright," (Ecclesiastes. 7:29), "they (man) have sought out many inventions." As a result of this, man is in a condition where, if void of salvation, he "shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might" (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

This "eternal destruction from the face of the Lord," is literally being driven out from the presence of the Lord: as God "drove out the man," i.e., Adam and Eve, from the garden of Eden, even so, those who "know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus" will also be driven out from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:8).

So, what is your best course of action? "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). Ross Triplett, Sr.