

Two Commands

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#2: The command to be holy (verses 13-16)

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“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all. For everything that Christ taught, everything that is distinctively Christian...is summed up in the knowledge of the fatherhood of God. ‘Father’ is the Christian name for God.” - J. I. Packer

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“Nothing is so well-fitted to put the fear of God—which will preserve men from offending him—into the heart, as an enlightened view of the cross of Christ.

There shines spotless holiness, inflexible justice, incomprehensible wisdom, omnipotent power, holy love.

“None of these excellencies darken or eclipse the other, but every one of them rather gives a luster to the rest.

They mingle their beams and shine with united, eternal splendor: the just Judge, the merciful Father, the wise Governor.

Nowhere does justice appear so awful, mercy so amiable, or wisdom so profound.”

- John Brown

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#3: The value of God's eternal, personal commitment to you (verses 20-21)

“Our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation. And to be at last summoned inside would be both glory and honor beyond all our merits, and also the healing of that old ache.”

- C. S. Lewis