

## THE BINDING ATTRIBUTE OF SANCTIFICATION



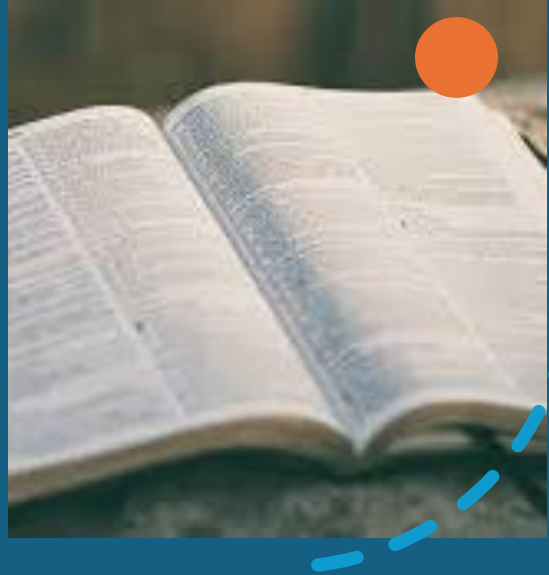
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It is essential to our eternal well-being to know more of God; for love to God depends on a conception of His goodness, His excellence, and a knowledge of His will. It requires an appreciation of His character. **His law is the transcript of His character**, and this law He calls upon us to obey. God calls for an entire surrender of the entire being. “Thou shalt have no other gods before Me,” is the first great command, and upon this command depends all the rest. This is the substance of all obedience. Let those who profess to be Christians remember that profession will not save them. The life which Christ alone can give is given upon condition of obedience, an obedience which takes in the whole man,—mind, heart, soul, and strength. This is true sanctification. “This do, and thou shalt live,” is the only genuine definition of sanctification. . Signs of the Times August 2, 1899, par. 2

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**Exodus 20:3-6** Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And shewing **mercy** unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.



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**Psalms 145:17** The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and **holy** in all his works.



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**Matthew 23:23** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, **mercy**, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.



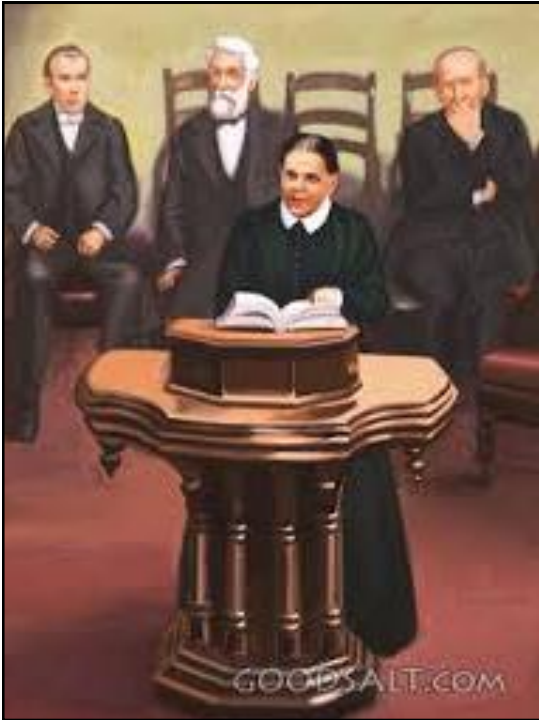
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**Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is **perfect**.

**Luke 6:36** Be ye therefore **merciful**, as your Father also is **merciful**.

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**Without mutual forbearance and love no earthly power can hold you and your husband in the bonds of Christian unity.** Your companionship in the marriage relation should be close and tender, holy and elevated, breathing a spiritual power into your lives, that you may be everything to each other that God's word requires. When you reach the condition that the Lord desires you to reach, you will find heaven below and God in your life.

**Remember, my dear brother and sister, that God is love and that by His grace you can succeed in making each other happy, as in your marriage pledge you promised to do.**  
AH 112.1-AH112.3

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**Colossians 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*.

**Ephesians 4:2** With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

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**We must have the Spirit of God, or we can never have harmony in the home.** The wife, if she has the spirit of Christ, will be careful of her words; she will control her spirit, she will be submissive, and yet will not feel that she is a bonds slave, but a companion to her husband. If the husband is a servant of God, he will not lord it over his wife; he will not be arbitrary and exacting. We cannot cherish home affection with too much care; for the home, if the Spirit of the Lord dwells there, is a type of heaven.... **If one errs, the other will exercise Christlike forbearance and not draw coldly away.** AH 118.1

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**Matthew 6:15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Luke 11:4** And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.



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**Matthew 7:12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.



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He who is unforgiving cuts off the very channel through which alone he can receive mercy from God. We should not think that unless those who have injured us confess the wrong we are justified in withholding from them our forgiveness. It is their part, no doubt, to humble their hearts by repentance and confession; but we are to have a spirit of compassion toward those who have trespassed against us, whether or not they confess their faults. However sorely they may have wounded us, we are not to cherish our grievances and sympathize with ourselves over our injuries; but as we hope to be pardoned for our offenses against God we are to pardon all who have done evil to us. MB 113.3



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Is Christ using cutting words, stern criticism, and unkind suspicion toward His people who commit faults? No. He takes every infirmity into account; He acts with discernment. He knows every one of our failings; but He uses patience; for otherwise we would have perished long ago on account of our bad treatment of Him. The greatest insult we can inflict upon Him is to pretend to be His disciples while manifesting the spirit of Satan in our words, our dispositions, and our actions. It does not behoove those from whom Jesus has so much to bear, in their failings and perversity, to be ever mindful of slights and real or imaginary offense. And yet there are those who are ever suspecting the motives of others about them. They see offense and slights where no such thing was intended. All this is Satan's work in the human heart. The heart filled with that love which thinketh no evil will not be on the watch to notice discourtesies and grievances of which he may be the object. The will of God is that His love shall close the eyes, the ears, and the heart to all such provocations and to all the suggestions with which Satan would fill them. There is a noble majesty in the silence of the one exposed to evil surmising or outrage. To be master of one's spirit is to be stronger than kings or conquerors. A Christian leads one to think of Christ. He will be affable, kind, patient, humble, and yet courageous and firm in vindicating the truth and the name of Christ. . 5L1Ms, Ms 24, 1887, par. 50



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**Proverbs 17:9** He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friend



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His name, “house-  
band,” is the true  
definition of  
husband.... I saw  
that but few  
fathers realize  
their  
responsibility. AH  
211.3



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**Colossians 3:12-14** Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*. And above all these things *put on charity*, which is the **bond** of perfectness.



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**Isaiah 3:6-7** When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruin *be* under thy hand: In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.



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**Luke 11:42** But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the **love** of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.



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