



The question "What difference does it make what day we keep for the Sabbath," is often asked. **Just the same as it did with Adam, it made every difference.** Whether he should obey God and not eat of the tree of knowledge, or whether he should yield to Satan's specious reasoning and say "What difference does it make whether I eat of the fruit of this forbidden tree or the rest of the trees in the garden?" Adam's sin **in doing the very things the Lord told him not to do was disobedience and transgression** and opened the flood-gates of woe to our world.

The life of Christ is to be carefully meditated upon, and to be constantly studied with a desire to understand the reason why He had to come at all. We can only form our conclusions by searching the Scriptures as Christ has enjoined upon us to do for He says, "They testify of me." We may find by searching the Word the virtues of obedience in contrast with the **sinfulness of disobedience.** "As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so *by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous.*" {6MR 336.2}

The garden of Eden with its foul blot of disobedience, is to be carefully studied and compared with the garden of Gethsemane where the world's Redeemer suffered superhuman agony when the sins of the whole world were rolled upon Him. Listen to the prayer of the only begotten Son of God, "Oh, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." And the second time He prayed saying, "Oh my Father if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, *thy will be done.*" And *the third time He prayed saying the same words.* It was here the mysterious cup trembled in the hands of the Son of God. *Shall He wipe the bloody sweat from His agonized countenance and let man go?* The wail, wretchedness, and ruin of a lost world rolls up its horrible picture before Him.

"And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him." The conflict is ended, *Jesus consents to honor His Father by doing His will* and bearing His curse, the consequence of man's transgression. *He was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Here was what was involved in Adam's disobedience and what the obedience of the Son of God means to us.*

He did not set his mind in defiance against God, nor did he in any way speak against God; **he simply went directly contrary to His express command.** And how many today are doing the very same thing, and **their guilt is of much greater magnitude because they have the example of Adam's experience in disobedience and its terrible results to warn them of the consequences of transgressing the law of God.** So they have clear light upon this subject, and no excuse for their guilt in denying and disobeying God's authority. Adam did not stop to calculate the result of his disobedience. {Manuscript Releases [Nos.347-418](1990)}

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