their Savior. After broiling and eating of their fish, Jesus, knowing their feel-
ings, and how apt men are to forget that which they once knew, said to Peter, "Si-
mon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more them these?" pointing to the fish. They
had professed to love him; they had followed him, and had suffered persecution
for his sake; they had delighted in his words, rejoiced in his labors, and had
seen the wonderful works which he per-
formed, and some which, in his name,
they had performed themselves; yet, af-
fer all this, they seemed inclined to turn
away and go a fishing; and when they
had caught fish and drawn them to the
shore, Jesus said, "Do you love me more
than you love these?" He had previously
told them: "If ye love me, keep my com-
mandments."

How long? For a day? Keep the com-
mandments of the Lord for a week? Ob-
serve and do his will for a month or a
year? There is no promise to any in-
dividual, that I have any knowledge of,
that he shall receive the reward of the
just, unless he is faithful to the end. If
we fully understand and faithfully carry
out in our lives the saying of Jesus, "If
ye love me, keep my commandments," we
shall be prepared to go back and dwell in
the presence of the Father and the Son.

What are his commandments? Did
he ever teach the people anything that
is wrong? If we read the requirements
made by Jesus, by the Father, or by
any messenger sent from the Heavens to
the children of men we shall find noth-
ing that will injure any human being
or that will destroy the soul of one of
the sons or daughters of Adam and Eve.
Many think that the sayings and do-
ings of some of the prophets and ser-
vants of God, in ancient and modern
times, said and done in obedience to the
commands of the Lord Almighty, tend to
evil; but it is not so. All God’s require-
ments tend to good to His children. Any
notion to the contrary is the result of
ignorance. The human family are en-
veloped in ignorance, so far as the ori-
gin and object of their existence here is
concerned. Their ignorance, supersti-
tion, darkness, and blindness are very
apparent to all who are in the least en-
lightened by the spirit of truth. They
seek to hide themselves in ignorance and
blindness rather than learn who they
are and the object of their being here.

What do the human family know of God
or Jesus, or of the words which I have
quoted, "If ye love me, keep my com-
mandments?" "Search the scriptures; for
in them ye think ye have eternal life," says Jesus, "and they are they which
testify of me." They testify of the Sav-
ior, of his doctrines and requirements,
and of the ordinances of his house; the
plan of salvation is there portrayed, and
any person who follows its dictation may
redeem himself from the thralldom of
sin, and know, by the Spirit, that Je-
sus is the Christ. All who will take
this course will know by revelation that
God is our Father; they will understand
the relationship they hold to him and
to their fellow beings. The world may
in vain ask the question, "Who are we?"
But the Gospel tells us that we are the
sons and daughters of that God whom
we serve. Some say, "We are the chil-
dren of Adam and Eve." So we are, and
they are the children of our Heavenly Fa-
ther. We are all the children of Adam
and Eve, and they and we are the off-
spring of Him who dwells in the heav-
ens, the highest Intelligence that dwells
anywhere that we have any knowledge
of. Here we find ourselves, and when
infants, the most helpless, and need-