

If you do not have a heart to obey all that God commands, you forfeit all biblical hope of heaven. Obviously, not all who have assurance of salvation go to heaven. Remember, there is no necessary relationship between God using a man and His approving of that man. God can use me to save the world and send my wretched soul to hell.

When people say that they do not fear God, they set their lives on a course of certain regret. The force of law is accountability. There can be no authority in any sphere without fear. Those who do not fear God will conclude that His commandments are negotiable. For this reason, never affirm another in breaking the commandments – the horror, the utter horror of doing so.

Assurance is a narcotic; it has its place in that it quiets the heart in troubled times. But like any narcotic, if you misuse it, it will kill you. It is hard to find a chapter in Bible in which God does not harp on the importance of obedience.