

We do not read the Bible very long before we see that ~~there are two types of~~ if one tru there are two attitudes which God may take toward us. If we are in rebellion against His righteousness-- if we harbor sin in our hearts -- then He is a consuming fire, and His Word shows how futile it is for us to attempt to fight against Him. If we are in the relation ~~of~~ to Him which children bear toward a father, He is the source of all comfort and joy.

It is a wonderful privilege to have God as ~~the~~ our Father. Isaiah 63:9 gives a beautiful picture of His relation toward His own: "In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old." The man who truly knows and trusts God has a factor in his life that means joy in the midst of trouble, and satisfaction in the midst of chaos. Though the storms may beat a round him, he need not fear, for the director of all the universe is his friend.

The next verse in Isaiah 63 show the other side of the picture: "But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them."

It is useless to try to fight against God. Only misery can result. Man in a state of rebellion against God is hopelessly ruined. Only by ~~complete~~ <sup>unconditional</sup> surrender ~~to the~~ can he avoid utter disaster.

The Bible has the answer to this problem, which faces every human being. God has provided a means of redemption. He has sent his unique Son, to be the propitiation for the sins of all who will believe on him, <sup>of all who</sup> and take Him as Savior and Lord.

Are you living in defiance of God? Are you omitting from your planning this most vital of all factors? Or have