

Deut 26:16

This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.

In California there are chains of stores called Pick N Save. In these stores they advertise that you can go in and find good bargains that you can pick the items you want and save money by buying them from this store. But then don't all stores say that?

The problem is that we try and do the same thing with God's word. We will pick the verses we like and throw out the ones we don't like. If they make us feel good then we keep it, but if it convicts us, we tend to overlook it or ignore it. Sometimes we will try and question God's word. Someone else tried to do this also.

† **Gen 3:1** *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"*

Has God really said not to look at that woman or don't think about that man sexually?
Has God really said not to take anything that doesn't belong to you, or did He just mean anything over \$5.00?

Did God really say to tithe, or did He give you a job and paycheck so you could spend it on whatever you wanted?

Did God really say to obey the law of the land, but if I'm late for church it's OK to speed? I know some of these sound ridiculous, but you get the idea.

So as you read God's word, don't pick and choose what you think is good for you, but rather allow God to pick and choose what He wants to say to you through His word. Sometimes you'll get a chocolate bar, other times it will be a can of okra. Chocolate tastes good, but okra is good for you.

† **Ecclesiastes 3:17 (NLT2)** *I said to myself, "In due season God will judge everyone, both good and bad, for all their deeds."*

† **Ecclesiastes 12:14 (NLT2)** *God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.*