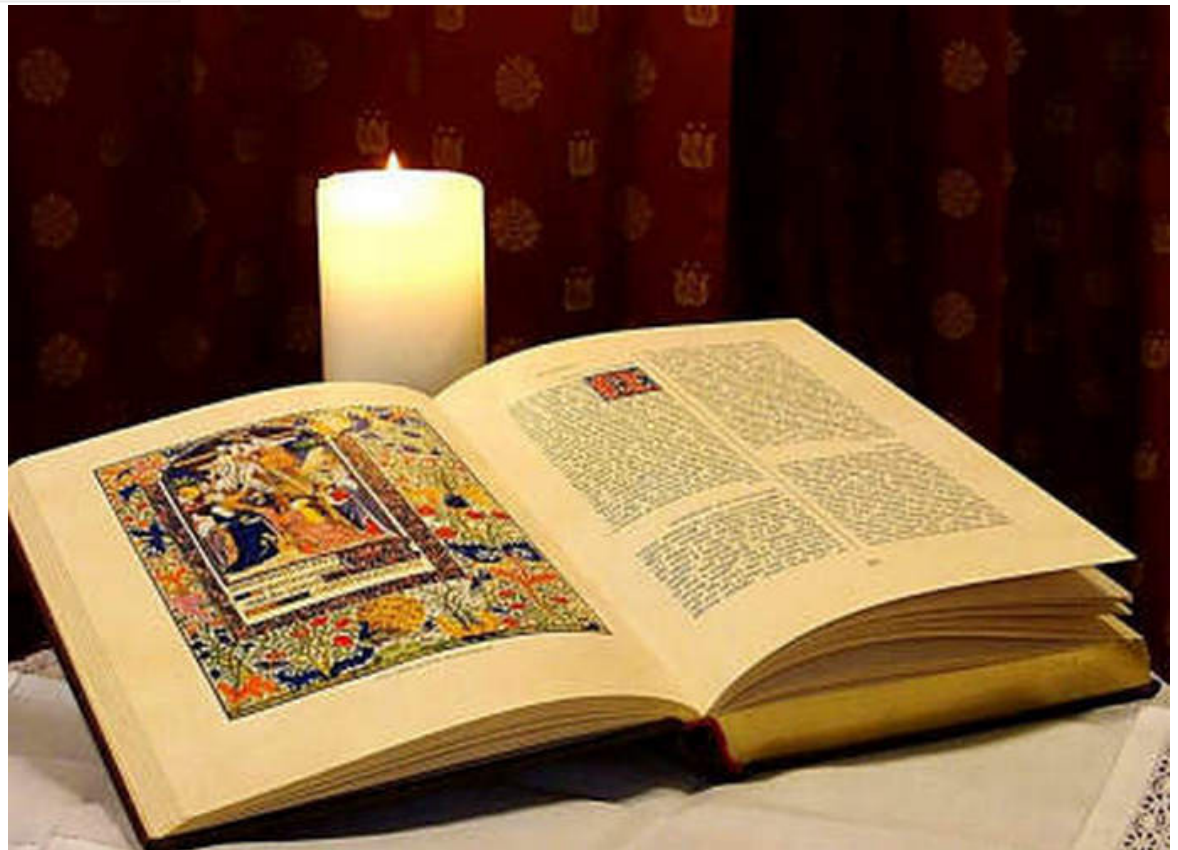


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Jesus said to his disciples: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you

friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (John 15: 9-17)

Jesus is the only mediator between God and man. St Catherine of Siena wondered why the foolish person who, aware of Jesus' immense love for us, does not love Him in return. In fact, in her life she experienced the extraordinary event of the exchange of hearts: Jesus gave her His and she reciprocated. Thus she physically felt the heart of her mystical spouse beating inside her body. Thus, we understand that one of the first consequences of love is upholding the will of the beloved. With God, His will is found in the commandments and inspirations He gives us in our hearts to love. It is, then, up to us to meekly surrender to God's Will in all our daily choices.