

THE LAW OF EXCLUSION.

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INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read the text: **Judges 17:6** “In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”
- B. The Bible is not just a book of commandments.
 - 1. It is also a book of principles.
 - 1) Never presume to enhance God's word (**Deuteronomy 4:2**. “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.” **Rev. 22:18-19**).
 - 2. There is also a great problem when we try to **substitute**. (**Leviticus 10:1** “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.” **Numbers 26:21** “And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.”)
- C. Obedience to God depends on how we handle His word.
 - 1. **QUESTION**: Am I obeying a command if I change it in any way?
 - 1) If I change, who am I obeying? – **MYSELF!**
 - 2) “God said it, and that settles it.”
- D. What is the law of exclusion? How do we answer?
- E. Understanding the law of exclusion can help us in our obedience to God's law.

I. WHAT IS THE LAW OF EXCLUSION?

- A. We all live by it whether we can define it or not.
- B. Define: That which is not included is excluded.
 - 1. It is a Biblical principle used in our study of Scriptures.
 - 1) Remember - **Rev. 22:18-19**.
 - 2) **Pro. 30:6** “Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”
 - 3) **Deut. 4:2** “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”
 - 4) **Deut. 12:32** “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”
 - 5) **Josh. 1:7** “Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.”
- C. Do we live by this law?
 - 1. Examples:
 - 1) Restaurant menu.
 - 2) Restroom signs.
 - 3) Speed limit signs.
 - 4) Buying products. (shoes, furniture, clothes, etc.)
 - 2. That which is not included is excluded.

II. DOES GOD RECOGNIZE THIS LAW?

- A. YES, He does!!
- B. By stating what He requires, all else is excluded.

1. How many times have people said, "But God did not say don't?"
2. He does not need to list all that is excluded. The law of exclusion takes care of this.

III. BIBLE EXAMPLES.

- A. **Gen. 6:14-22. (Vss. 14-16** "Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it." Note **Hebrews 11:7** "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.")
- B. **2 Kings 5:9-14. (Vs. 10** "And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." **Vs. 14** "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.")
- C. **Eph. 5:19** "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." & **Col. 3:16** "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
- D. **Matt. 28:18-20** "...all things whatsoever I have commanded you" excludes man's ideas. (**John 14:26** "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.")
- E. **Eph. 4:4-6** (What does the word ONE exclude?)

IV. WHY DO WE NEED TO OBSERVE THIS PRINCIPLE?

- A. This demonstrates obedience.
 1. **Jeremiah 10:23**; "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."
 2. **Isaiah 55:8** "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD."
 3. **Hebrews 5:9** "... all them that obey him."
 4. Paul said he had kept the faith: **2 Tim. 4:6-8** (Faith comes from hearing the "word of God.").
- B. It demonstrates our love for the Lord (**John 14:15, 23; 1 John 5:3** "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.")
- C. If we observe the Law of Exclusion, we can overcome many obstacles.

V. CONCLUSION:

- A. The Law of Exclusion can keep us out of trouble.
- B. The Law of Exclusion will help with obedience.
- C. Obedience demands observance of this law.