

Rejecting The Commandment

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God gave his word unto men, telling us the things that he wanted us to know. Contained in the scriptures are things that we are told to do, as well as those which we are told not to do. The Lord did not see fit to ask mankind what we would like and want in his word, he just told what he demands for us to do if we would walk with him. His commands are not negotiable, they are either believed and accepted, or rejected by mankind. Sadly, so many decide to reject the commandments, while others only reject some of them. Both ways are wrong, for the only way to please God is to obey all that he says.

Jesus told the Pharisees and scribes that they rejected the command of God concerning their parents. Perhaps to them it seemed like a small thing, but Jesus told them that they had replaced a command of God with a man-made tradition. Mark 7:9. And he said unto them, Full well ye re-

ject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. The Lord did not accept their changes to his word. It is both dangerous and foolish to tinker with and to make changes to God's word.

Ephesians 6:1, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2. Honour thy father and mother;" (which is the first commandment with promise;) This relationship concerning parents and children is important. God himself gave the commandment for children to honor and to help their parents. The third verse says, "That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Since man cannot save himself, why should he be foolish enough to think that he can decide how he should be saved? Luke 7: 30. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him. John said, in **John 1:33**, "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." John didn't come

up with baptism on his own, but he was sent and told to do it. God told him, he didn't tell God, about baptizing. Everyone who has decided that it is not necessary will have to face God and explain why he thought it good to change what God has said.

There are other changes that men have made to the scriptures. To change a command of God is to reject what he said. To change something is usually an attempt to improve it. Man has not the ability or the authority to change anything that God has commanded. Judging is another area where people commonly reject what the Lord spoke concerning it. Man looks on the outside and decides on the heart and spirit within, or at least he tries too. I was told once by a minister that he could look at a person and tell if he was saved. How foolish for a person to think so highly of himself and so little of others. How arrogant, prideful, vain, and foolish such an attitude is.

God alone is the judge and the savior. He gives us the invitation to become his children and to live for and with him. Those who desire to be accepted of God had better humbly, and faithfully obey and keep the commandments of God.

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