



*Walking By Faith*

*The Law of*  
**EXCLUSION**

GENESIS 6:8-7:7

HEBREWS 7:11-14

LEVITICUS 10:1,2

1 CHRONICLES 13:7-12; 15:2

# *The Law of Exclusion*

## HEBREWS 7:11-14 (NKJV)

... <sup>12</sup> For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. <sup>13</sup>

For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

THE LAW SPECIFIED  
THE TRIBE OF "LEVI"



ALL OTHER TRIBES  
EXCLUDED BY SILENCE.



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**1 PETER 4:11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks,  
let him speak as the  
oracles of God. ...



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**DEUTERONOMY 4:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.



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**DEUTERONOMY 12:32 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> “Whatever I  
command you, be  
careful to observe it; you  
shall not add to it nor  
take away from it.



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**JOSHUA 1:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very  
courageous, that you may observe  
to do according to all the law which  
Moses My servant commanded you;  
do not turn from it to the right  
hand or to the left, that you may  
prosper wherever you go.



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**PROVERBS 30:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Do not add to His  
words, Lest He  
rebuke you, and you  
be found a liar.



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**1 CORINTHIANS 4:6 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.





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**REVELATION 22:18-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> For I testify to everyone who  
hears the words of the  
prophecy of this book: If  
anyone adds to these things,  
God will add to him the plagues  
that are written in this book;





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**REVELATION 22:18-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away  
from the words of the book of  
this prophecy, God shall take  
away his part from the Book of  
Life, from the holy city, and  
*from* the things which are  
written in this book.





# *Comprehensive Nature of The New Testament Scriptures*

- Fully Instructs - 2 Tim 3:16,17
- Cannot Be Transgressed – 2 John 9
- The totality of information revealed regarding any act of righteousness forms the pattern for that act – 2 Tim 1:13; 3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:3;
- Understandable – Eph 3:3-5

# *Comprehensive Nature of The New Testament Scriptures*

**We cannot  
know the mind  
of God except  
through  
revelation**

1 Cor 2:10, 11,14

Eph 3:3-5

Isaiah 55:8,9

**Faith  
comes by  
hearing the  
word of  
CHRIST**

ROMANS 10:17

**God has  
revealed  
everything He  
wants us to  
know & do -**

2 Pet 1:3;

2 Tim 3:16,17

Jude 3

**WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID  
2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9**



# *From Heaven or Men?*

*Matthew 21:25-26*

## Only Two Possible Sources

### From Heaven

**Mt. 21:23-27**

**1 John 4:4-6**

**Gal. 1:6-9**

**Col. 2:6-10**

**2 Thess. 2:15**

### From Men

**Mt. 15:1-9**

**1 Cor. 4:6**

**Gal. 1:10-17**

**Col. 2:8**

**2 Thess. 2:2-4**

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# Exclusive & Inclusive

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<sup>22</sup>Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. . . .

7:5 <sup>5</sup>And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him.

## Specific authority:

Gopher wood (14)

Compartments (14)

450' Long (15)

75' Wide (15)

45' Tall (15)

1 Window & Door (16)

3 Stories (16)

## Generic & Specific:

Build an ark of gopher wood

## Expedients

Tools & Size of material  
dependent upon specific need

## Liberty:

Source and means of  
transporting materials



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## Authorized

Incidental

Tools  
Scaffolds  
Help

**Build An Ark of  
Gopher Wood**

**Excluded /  
Unauthorized**

Another door  
Different wood  
Different size  
Additional boats



# Exclusive & Inclusive

*The method of moving the ark of the covenant was specified, thus excluding any other method*



- Consulted with every leader – (I Chron 13:1) but forgot to consult God's word (I Chron 15:13)
- The Ox Cart was unauthorized – NOT an expedient -
- Was not specifically condemned – but was condemned because the method was specified!



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■ **When God specifies - we CANNOT substitute.**

(1 Chron 13:5-8)

■ David's best attempt to serve God according to his own thinking dishonored God instead of honoring Him - (Lev 10:1-4; 1 Chron 15:2,13; Isa 55:6-9; Hos 14:9; Col. 3:17)



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(1 Chron 13:5-8)
- Nadab and Abihu – (Lev. 10:1,2)
- Moses – (Num 20:8-24)
- King Saul – (1 Sam. 13 & 15)
- Jeroboam – (1 Kings 12:25-33)
- Uzziah – (2 Chr. 26:16-23)



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■ We must remember that any substitute for what God specifies is evil, regardless of intent (cf Num 20:8,11; Matt 7:21-23; 2 Jn 9,10; Dt 4:2; 12:32; Jos 1:7; Pro 30:6; Rev 22:18,19).



# Making Application

**Salvation by grace  
through faith**



- ◆ **Luke 8:11; Rom. 10:17**
- ◆ **John 8:24; Heb 11:6**
- ◆ **Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30**
- ◆ **Mat. 10:32,33; Rom 10:9**
- ◆ **Acts 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21**





# *Making Application*

- The organization of the church - Acts 14:23; 20:14,28; Phili 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-8; etc.
- The work of the church - (evangelism - 1 Thes. 1:8; edification - Eph. 4:11-16; Benevolence - Acts 11:29)
- Worship of the church - (Praying - Acts 4:23-31; L.S. - Acts 20:7; Giving - 1 Cor. 16:1,2; Preaching - Acts 20:7; Singing - Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16)



# *Conclusion*

- What is OUR attitude towards the need to establish authority for all that we do?
- Is the NT the ONLY source for our faith, teaching & practice?
- If we add to or take away from the teaching of the NT, are we walking by faith?
- If we do only those things we know are authorized in the NT, how confident can we be that we are doing what is right?









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## 2 CHRONICLES 26:16–21 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to *his* destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. <sup>17</sup>

So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord—valiant men.



## 2 CHRONICLES 26:16–21 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “*It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God.*” <sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah became furious; and he *had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar.



## 2 CHRONICLES 26:16–21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he *was* leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him. <sup>21</sup> King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord. Then Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.