

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

HEBREWS 7:11-14 (NKJV)

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe

THE LAW SPECIFIED THE TRIBE OF "LEVI"



Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

ALL OTHER TRIBES XCLUDED BY SILENCE.



Cannot ADD to or SUBTRACT From God's Word

1 PETER 4:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. ...



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DEUTERONOMY 4:2 (NKJV)

² 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)

32 "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)

⁷ 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)

⁶ 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)

⁶ 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)

¹⁸ 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)

¹⁹ 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 Kature of The Kew 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 Kature of The Kew 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

From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

I John 4:4-6

Gal. I:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

Only Two Possible Sources

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

I Cor. 4:6

Gal. I:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

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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

Lib∈rty:

Source and means of transporting materials

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Authorized

Incidental

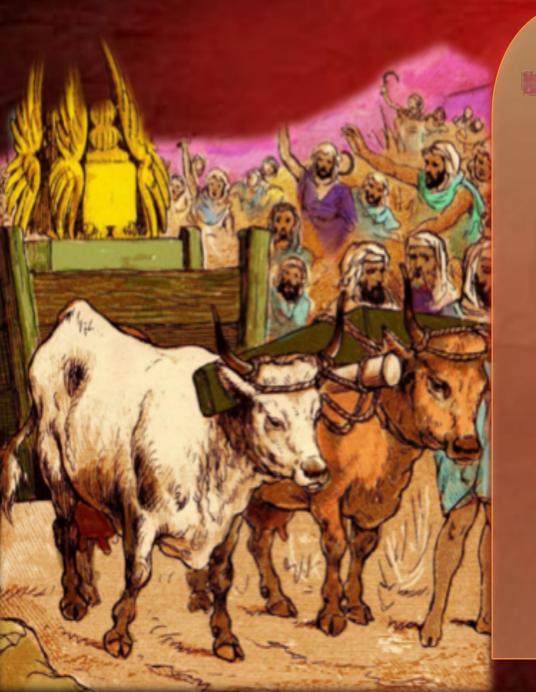
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Help

Build An Ark of Gopher Wood

Excluded / Unauthorized

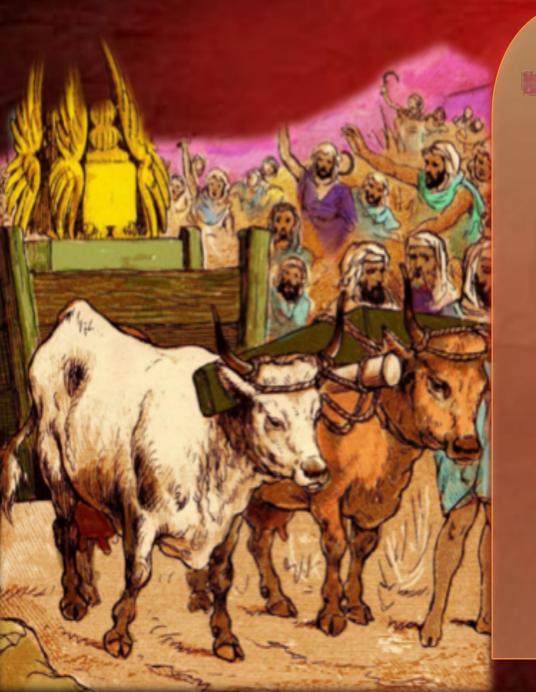
Another door
Different wood
Different size
Additional boats

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



- Consulted with every leader
 (I Chron I3:I) but forgot
 to consult God's word (I
 Chron I5:I3)
 - The Ox Cart was unauthorized NOT an expedient -
 - Was not specifically condemned
 but was condemned because
 the method was specified!

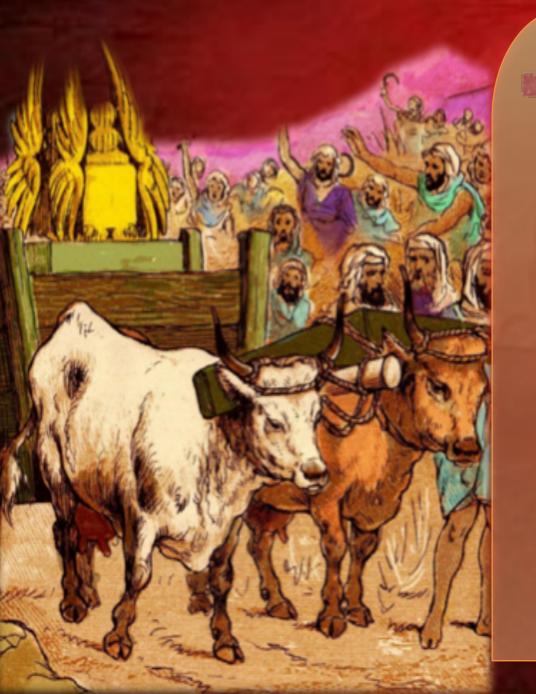
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- When God specifies we CANNOT substitute.
 - (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - David's best attempt to serve God according to his own thinking dishonored God instead of honoring Him (Lev 10:1-4; 1 Chron 15:2,13; Isa

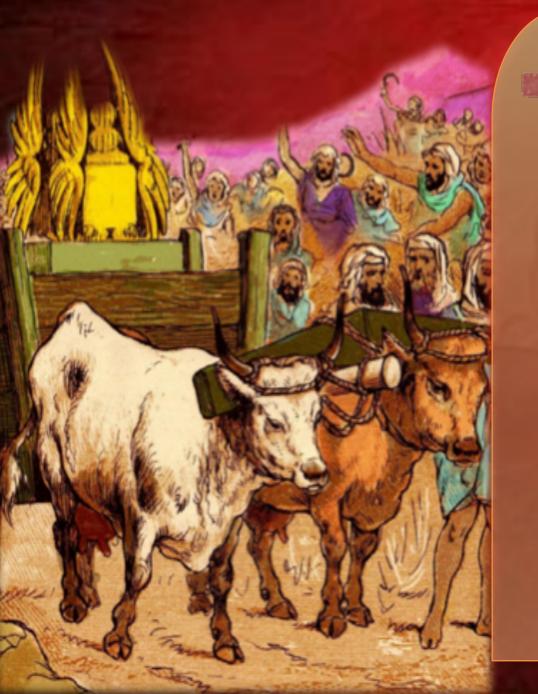
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- (1 Chron 13:5-8)
- Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1,2)
- Moses (Num 20:8-24)
- King Saul (1 Sam. 13 & 15)
- Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33)
- Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:16-23)

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- When God specifies we CANNOT substitute.
 - (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - 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





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- 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)

16 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. 17 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)

18 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." 19 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)

20 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. 21 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.