

LAYERS OF THE LAW

Part Six

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Tonight I want to talk about a subject that to me is one of the most confusing subjects in the word of God. A lot of people misunderstand us when we talk about the law of God. Tonight that's our subject. The Law of God. We get things mixed up, we get things messed up because we don't have a clear understanding of the law of God. So tonight I believe when this lesson's over you will never ever again have one question about where we stand with the law of God and what we mean when we say *The Law of God*.

Alright, let's go to the first slide. When I say Yahweh, what does that mean? God. Ok, so don't be confused there. That is his name.

Has Yahweh replaced HIS law with Grace?

Psalm 40:8

- Has the God of Law and Order changed?
Psalms 119:97, 109, 113, 126, 127
- One of the signs of the end times is the rejecting of Law and Order
Prov 3:1, Isa 51:7, 2 Pet 2:10, Matt 13:41 - What is iniquity? 1 John 3:4
- Where did this begin?
- Sadly, in the church !!!
- But before we blame the church — they are simply reading what their Bible says. Pauls Writing Explicitly
- So where is the problem? 2 Peter 3:15-16

That is a huge question. If you've grown up in the church like I have and most of you have, there seems to be this belief that the law of God has been replaced with the grace of God. And that his law no longer applies in our life because we are under the age of grace. But we're going to see tonight if that's what the Bible truly says. I want you to have a clear understanding. I'm sure some of you may possibly have experienced attacks from Christians when you say the word law. Brother Vaughn, we're not going to go back to the law. I used to believe the same thing.

But tonight we want to see the balance of the whole matter. The Bible said, come and let's reason together and see what the counsel of the whole matter is.

Psalms 40:8

I delight to do why will, O my God, yea, thy law is within my heart.

How many has ever said, I want to know God's will for my life? David just said, I want to know your will. And then he says that in order to know your will, I already have it. It's been written down. He said, I want to know your will so therefore, I want to know your law. You cannot know the will of God for your life if you don't know the law of God.

When I hear people say, oh Lord show me your will for my life, I think of what the writer said in Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, Fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

He said, at the end of your life, this is the conclusion of the whole matter. To fear God and to love his commandments. So, if you've lived a whole Christian life rejecting his commandments while you're a Christian, you didn't get the whole matter. So, we're going to see that the *WILL OF GOD* is the *LAW OF GOD*.

By the way, I want to recommend Psalms 119 to every one of you. Go home and read that chapter at least once a year. Psalms 119 is a powerful chapter.

Psalms 119:97

O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

I just want you to think about those words now. David said, the only thing I think about is your law. Now, David seemed to have a different feeling about the law of God than we have today. He said, oh how I love your law.

Let me set something straight—when I say the church, I'm speaking of at-large. The Catholics, the Protestants, I'm speaking about everybody that claims to be a "Christian". I'm not talking about the *true church* amen? I'm talking about the church at large. They have a disdain for the law of God.

But David said, it's all I want to think about is your law all day long. Let's change those words. All I want to think about is what pleases you. I don't want to think about how can I just be saved. Amen? I want to think about my lifestyle that pleases you.

Psalms 119:109

My soul is continually in my hand, yet do I not forget thy law.

He said my what? My soul. In other words, he said, I have power. I'm the king. I have all power. But I don't want to forget your law. You make a mistake when you forget the law of God. You truly do beloved, because it will turn you into a lawless believer.

Psalms 119:113

I hate vain thoughts, but thy law do I love.

Thy love do I love. The reason I'm reading all of these is because I'm going to compare it to some of the things I've heard preached on television this week against this very law. God did away with his law (?) But David doesn't feel this way. He thinks it's the most wonderful thing in his life!

Psalms 119:126

It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void thy law.

Now David said, God it's time now for you to step in and do what you're going to do because they have denied the law. He's talking about all of Israel, the church. Now one day I want to teach you about Israel. When I say "Israel" I am not talking about the Jewish bloodline. I'm talking about the *one new man* that has been grafted into Israel. That's who I'm talking about.

Psalms 119:127

Therefore I love thy commandments above gold, yea, above fine gold.

Just think about that. More than money. And he had a treasure house of gold. He was the king. He said more than all of that, if I lose your commandments, I've lost my life. If you want to see a man lose his life, let him lose his walk with God. When I say a walk with God, that's walking in the Spirit. The Bible says, he that walks after the Spirit walks not after the flesh. The flesh is the enemy of God's law. But when you're born of the Spirit, you get that same love for the law of God deep inside of your heart.

Now, one of the signs of the end-times is going to be the rejection of law and order. Let's see what Proverbs says about this law.

Proverbs 3:1

My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments.

You see, forget not my law. So my question is tonight, has the God of law and order ever changed? No. Now in dispensationalism we change God in the way that he supposedly deals with man. But the character of God never changes. He spoke to Solomon and said, my son, forget not my laws.

Unfortunately Solomon, the wisest man on earth, did forget the law of God by marrying the wrong women. They were all pagans...false gods. And you're sleeping with someone and they're whispering in your ear those sweet nothings. That's why it's so important to not be unequally yoked. The wisest man in the world made the most foolish decision of marrying the wrong women.

Isaiah 51:7

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law, fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

Now listen, that first part I absolutely love what he said. "Hearken unto me you that know righteousness." Let's talk about righteousness. Most people don't know what righteousness means. Let's make it real simple. The *right way*. There's a right way and there's a wrong way.

What does the Bible say about the wrong way? Wide is that way. Do you know why the wrong way is the easy way? There is no law in that way. There are no do's and don't's. Why do you think children, if you could let them run from home to home with no laws or restrictions, they'd run over there. It's the broad way.

But the righteous people are the people that's doing it right. The problem is—what is righteousness? You cannot know the right way without knowing the law of God. What did he just say? The people of righteousness don't buy into this notion that God's done away with his law. They have hidden in their heart. The heart is actually the mind. They have hidden in their thinking—their thoughts. They think about this word more than they do anything, and therefore, it makes them righteous! God is calling us not only to salvation but unto righteousness, the right way of doing things.

2 Peter 2:10

But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

So, in the last days Peter's telling us what the last-day people are going to look like. They're going to hate government. They're going to hate police. They're going to hate righteousness. They're going to hate you looking them in the eyes

and saying that's the wrong way. To them any way they choose is the right way. They're going to despise government. They're going to be lawless. This is the sign of the end-time when you begin to see institutions that have lasted hundreds of years begin to crumble. When lawlessness begins to take over, you are living in the end-time.

Matthew 13:41

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity.

When the Lord comes back, he said he's going to send the angels to remove them that do iniquity. That word *iniquity* is a misty word. Let's find out what God considers iniquity to be.

1 John 3:4

Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law, for sin is the transgression of the law.

The Bible definition of sin. How many all of your life have heard the word *sin*? All of us, right? Well let me tell you what sin is? Sin is when you break the law. But according to today's church, Jesus did away with the law. Now if Jesus did away with the law, there's nothing left to break. Therefore there is no more sin. It's craziness.

Somebody said we're under grace. If there's no law to break, you don't need grace. The law of God is as eternal as God is. It's never going away no matter what your preachers teach. It's never going to happen.

So, he said he's going to send his angels to remove from his kingdom those who are in iniquity. We found out iniquity is sin. Sin is breaking the law of God. So at the second coming of Christ, there will still be the law, or else he couldn't remove them. You see? We've got to get this because the church is confused about these things.

Now, this lawlessness that's happening in the streets of America—the question is, where did it begin? Sadly, in the church. Because as goeth the church, so goeth the nation. Don't think that these riots started out there. They started in here (the church). About 30 years ago, we started having a lessening of holiness preaching, living for God. Now our preaching shifted to “come and get saved, accept Christ as your personal Savior”. And that was our message for the last 30 years. Come and get the Holy Ghost...that's been our message.

But before that, in my grandmother's childhood, my grandmother told me, she said my son, they didn't use to call us Pentecostal. She said we were called Holiness. Because they preached a hard, holiness message—a message of coming out of the world. So without holiness, I don't care how saved you are, no man will see the Lord! Nobody. But how do we get holiness? Well it's hard to tell you what holiness is if I don't have a law to point to and show you what holiness is.

So, brother Vaughn, that's horrible that the church would do that. Well, but before we blame the church, they are simply reading what their Bible says. Explicitly what Paul wrote about what? This subject of the law. When you read Paul's writings, it's very easy to see why the church is so anti-law because he wrote some things that are very hard to understand. That's why the next scripture is going to tell you what the apostle Peter said. Keep this verse in mind as long as you live.

2 Peter 3:15-16

And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation, even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him has written unto you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

So, Peter, who is the preeminent in the church, has to write a warning—this is so ironic—to all the churches about Paul's writings. Isn't that amazing? Peter sends out a letter and says, I know you all are reading Paul's epistles—be careful. He said, be very careful because they are hard to understand. And then he said these words...if you read them wrong it's going to lead you to destruction. Wow! Amen.

And that's where it led the church. That's why we have become a weak, powerless, anemic church. Because we have taken Paul's writings wrong. And we're going to talk about all these writings tonight. It's a long lesson so stay with me! Peter is begging...he literally felt like he had to plead with those people. Quit twisting Paul's writings!! And that warning is still through the church today. I'm saying it on camera around the world...PLEASE QUIT TWISTING PAUL'S WRITINGS!!
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God has ONE desire of you—to walk in Holiness to be SET APART FROM THE WORLD

- You cannot be HIS TREASURE in another man's house !!!
Exodus 19:5
- How could Yahweh want SET APARTNESS THEN and have no desire for it now? Because of GRACE !!!
Ephesians 2:8-10
- Romans 7:12
- God SAVED YOU BY GRACE to SET YOU APART BY WORKS !!!!
James 1:25, Romans 3:25
- Romans 2:15

God has one desire for every one of you. And that desire is to walk in holiness. What does *holiness* mean? When we say that big word holiness, it means this right here...*set apart*. Maybe you have some dishes in your house, some china that's set apart. It's not in the cabinet with everything else, right? You can call them "holy dishes"...they're set apart. God is wanting a people that are set apart from the world. Now why is that? Let's read in Exodus.

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine.

He said I love all people, didn't he? God does not call us to holiness for us to be more saved than anybody. Salvation is free. He calls us to holiness to be more precious to him than all the people of the earth. I hope you get that one day. He said in his word you will be my special treasure.

Now, all of the earth is mine he said. I love all of them! But I'm looking for a people that will shine. Hallelujah. I'm looking for a people that will let me set them apart from the ways of the world...from looking like the world, from walking like the world, from celebrating like the world and from thinking like the world. I want a people that when the world looks on them, they make fun of them. When I look on them, I call them my special treasure. Oh I want to be God's treasure. Hallelujah. That doesn't come free children, to be walking in that place.

How did Yahweh want set-apartness back then in the book of Exodus, but not want it now? Well brother Vaughn, because of grace. I'm ready to read you a scripture that's going to show you the purpose of grace.

Ephesians 2:8-10
For by grace are ye saved...

Now hold tight. Everybody in this room and that's watching me by camera and hearing me on a podcast, don't ever think that I sat here and told you that we are saved by works. Because, in fact, I'm saying quite the opposite. **WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE.** Ok? Works will never save anybody. We're saved by grace. Alright, but what is the next part that we always forget. Keep reading.

...through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship (his special treasure) created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Wow! Now brother Vaughn I'm saved. Good! Why? That's the question. Why are you saved? He just gave you the answer. For the purpose of *walking in works*. You see, before you were saved, you didn't have the power to walk in works. You were what? An animal. The Holy Ghost moved in and gave you power over what? Sin. What is sin? The transgression of the law. So the Holy Ghost gives you power to stop breaking God's law.

Now, he saved you by faith, but he doesn't separate you by faith. Oh hallelujah! You separate yourself by good works. What are those good works? His commandments, his ways...the right way of doing things. That verse is so important and that is where we mess up. The next time somebody tells you sister... "It's by faith that I am saved, it's by grace" ...say absolutely!

Why are you saved by grace? Because he says from the beginning, (if you'll read that verse again), from the beginning God desired— **FROM THE BEGINNING— TO SET YOU APART !!** And now salvation gives God what he wanted from the beginning! A people that had the power now to be set apart! Oh hallelujah! Now that's the full gospel I just preached to you!

None of those works. You see, the Jewish people refused to believe that they were sinners. Because who was their father? Abraham. So they didn't even believe they were sinners because they were keeping the commandments (which they weren't, but they thought they were, and we'll talk about that latter). So they don't even need a savior. So they just say, well I'm going to continue to do good works and be saved. Paul was not fighting against the law of God. He was fighting against

the Jewish mindset which said that we don't need a savior. What he was telling them is...you can do those works all you want to, but that will not make you right with God because you have broken what you're trying to keep in the past. Now there's a debt that is due for breaking them.

Sister, I want you to imagine right now that you get a speeding ticket. You go before the judge. He looks at it and says you owe the city \$180. And you look at the judge and say, your honor I'm going to make a deal with you. I won't speed any more if you let me go. There was a debt for your past sin. You have to pay it. And yes, quit breaking the speed limit when you leave.

But no, you can't come to God and say, oh I broke all your commandments in my life but I won't ever do it again. That doesn't earn you righteousness. Someone's got to pay the debt for when you did break the commandments of God. You can't come and say, well, Jesus is my savior. We're going to read in a minute that he did not forgive future sin. Oh no. Oh no he didn't. That's why you have to repent.

Romans 7:12

Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Ok, so now we've got Paul as a schizophrenic. Amen? What did he just say about the law? It's holy, just and good. The church says it's evil, it's a burden and it's bondage. By the way, Paul is where they get that from that the law is a burden and a bondage and evil. And yet Paul just said the law is holy. If you ever hear anyone attack the law of God, the only thing on the earth that would do that is Satan—you've heard the demon powers of hell speaking in the pulpits across America.

No one hates the law of God except the one who cannot keep it. That is Satan himself! That verse right there makes it as plain as the nose on your face that if Paul was coming to do away with the law, then he is a schizophrenic. And don't we know better than that? So where's the problem? We're going to find it. Stay with me.

James 1:25

But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Now, you realize that that scripture was written about 60 years after Jesus died on the cross—and replaced the law. This is the brother of Jesus Christ who wrote this, the head of the church in Jerusalem, the bishop. By the way, he called it *the*

perfect law, the church calls it the messed up law. I'm not making that up. The church demeans this law as if it were a burden on God's people. No, it's only a burden on carnal-minded people, not on God's people. We walk after the spirit which is the law of God, not after the flesh.

So James said if you look in that law and you *continue* in it—don't just get saved, but continue in that law, your life will be blessed in the city and in the field! You'll be blessed in everything you do! Don't talk about—I got saved! What are you doing today?! Salvation was a one-time dip in the pool, but what are you doing today?

So let's see. Paul just called it holy, just and good. James just called it perfect. David said he loved it more than gold. Are you seeing a different side of the law that we've heard all of our lives? Oh yeah! I know I am.

Romans 3:25

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

Did you hear that? Didn't I tell you a while ago I was going to prove it to you through the scriptures? What are you forgiven of through the propitiation which is Jesus Christ? Sins. Every sin that you're ever going to commit? No. What did the scripture just say? For sins that are what? Remember when going to the courtroom to see the judge? You broke the law in your what? Past.

What did Paul just say here? The forgiveness, the propitiation, was not for your future sins. Oh wow, my. Nope. The judge can't give you a fine if you speed in the future today. It's for what you *did*. Now don't misunderstand me. Of course he forgives your future sins, but that trip to the altar was for sins that are past. That's all. When you get up and decide to stay in sin, there's no forgiveness.

What do you think Paul meant when he said, there remains no more sacrifice for your sin if you continue in them? Because that sacrifice was for past sins! What did he say you do whenever you continue to sin? You trample on the blood of Christ. And you bring Christ to an open shame. How do you bring Christ to an open shame? By telling folks that you're saved when you're not living saved! You just said that that blood that forgave your sins that are past, somebody convinced you it's going to forgive your whole life now! Oh now I'm preaching! Do you know why? Because we got this thing backwards. When you said, oh Lord I'm sorry, it wasn't for what I do tomorrow! It's for what I did yesterday.

Your honor, don't make me pay the debt! The judge says, if it was in my power, I would. But the law demands it. Oh hallelujah! The law demanded a payment for your sin, for your breaking the law of God. And that payment was not you deciding to start keeping the law. There had to be death! Thank God for Jesus, hallelujah. He came and paid that past debt. But you will pay that future debt whenever he sends his angels at the second coming to remove from his kingdom all those who are walking in lawlessness calling themselves Christians. Oh my. Oh thank God for the Word.

Romans 2:15

Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.

God did not intend by the Holy Spirit to take these laws that were written in stone (ten commandments), and at the cross, stand on them. That's what the church is doing—standing on them. He intended to take these laws and do what with them? Put them right inside of our heads. When you say heart, that's your mind, that's your thinking. He intended to take them off of here (the stone) by this power called the Holy Ghost, and not get rid of them, but make them part of your daily life. Not an occasional glance at them, but you wake up thinking about them. Why? Because the thinker lives in you! He said I came to put those laws in your heart. Hallelujah.

So where's the confusion? I spent all this time showing you how wonderful God's law is. Next screen.

Where is the confusion?

- Here a law, there a law, everywhere a law
- **THE PROBLEM IS IN THE FACT** that in your Bibles, the English translators refers to ALL LAWS as **“THE LAW”** inferring **THE LAW OF YAHWEH** rather than **SEPARATING** the laws of scripture of which there are many
- Until you learn how to identify **THE LAW OF GOD (Torah)** from all the other laws of scripture you will forever side with the false gospel of lawlessness
- **Yahweh** HATES lawlessness

Here's the confusion. Here a law. There a law. Everywhere a law. I'm going to say something. Some people take this wrong. They misunderstand me. I'm going to say this. It might make some of my Baptist friends mad at me. The King James Version, the NIV, the NKJV, none of those versions are inspired by God. No they're not. The original transcripts are inspired by God. That's a fact. I don't care if you like it or not. If you're going to tell me this version's inspired, then all of them have to be inspired because they went through the same process, every one of them. Men took and added to them and took away. And with no ill intentions, trying to make it easier to understand, no problem.

But my point is, when we get to the King James Version, we act like it's the holy grail and it's not. It's a man, called King James' translation. Now King James was a trinitarian. All the men that transcribed the original transcripts to this book were all trinitarian. They added. I can show you in the Latin Vulgate.

The scripture in Matthew 28:19. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" was not even in the original transcripts. It was added in the Latin Vulgate. That's a fact. All scholars agree to that. It's not even arguable anymore because every original they find, Matthew 28:19 is not in there.

There's another one that says there's three that bear record in heaven (1 John 5:7)...that's not in the original transcripts. Somebody added some things and took some things away.

Now brother Vaughn, you scare me when you say that because how can I trust this? You can't trust this any more than you can trust my sermons without studying. The Bible gives you a commandment. Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman, so you won't be ashamed when you're talking about things—you'll know what you're talking about.

Study. God never told you to read your Bible. He said study it! So what I do, what I spend hours at my desk doing, night and day, is going back and searching questionable scriptures, making sure that it was carried over into the English correctly. That's my job. I'm a defender of the faith! And if you're not going to do it, you don't need to be discussing doctrine with anybody. Because this Bible (KJV), the confusion about the law comes from this translation of the Bible. And I'm going to show you and help you out.

So the English translators, they refer to every law in the Bible with these words... THE LAW. See that word "The"? There are all kinds of laws in the Bible. We're going to look at them in a second. And every one of them, when it's transferred

over into here (this particular translation), from the original, they translate every law as “the law”. Now let me ask you this. If I come and take 100 pictures of your sister with my camera, and we find one that you really like, what are we going to say about that picture? That it’s THE picture. Why? That’s the one that matters. Ok?

So when we see “the law’...in human minds, that’s the big one. That’s the one that matters. These translators took every law and made a huge mistake with the Greek language. Scholars have corrected these mistakes in the NIV Bible. Here’s why. What they did was inferred the law of Yahweh rather than separating the laws of scripture of which there are many.

Learn to identify the law of God. When I say “the law of God”, it is this Hebrew word *Torah*. The foundation of Torah is the ten commandments. Now, there are 613 laws in the Torah. All of them are explaining the ten commandments. I’ll give you an example. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Well, ok then. If I’m not married and I’m sleeping with someone who’s not married that’s not technically what? Adultery. It’s like those of us that don’t believe in wearing these masks, we’re wearing the masks halfway under our noses. We’re trying to get around the law aren’t we? (Well it’s not really a law, it was never passed through the legislature, but I’ll digress there.) The point is, people are people—they’ll always be people, and we don’t like laws.

I’m trying to make a point. When I say the law of God, I’m talking about the first five books of the Bible, the Torah. Now when you get into Paul’s writings and learn to identify which one is Torah and which one is everything else, then you will never side with the false gospel of lawlessness ever again. Yahweh hates lawlessness. Next screen.

List of Laws in your Bible and they are all translated “THE LAW”

- Law of Nature
- Law of Sin and Death
- Law of Seedtime and Harvest
- the Law of Yahweh, called Torah based upon the 10 Commandments
- Mishnah (Jewish Law)
- Talmud (Jewish Law)
- Takkanot (6200 pages Jewish Law)
- WHICH LAW was PAUL ATTACKING ALL THE TIME? Your job is to determine THE DIFFERENCE in the LAW OF GOD and the LAWS OF MAN

Yahweh's law which is the Torah, the ten commandments, is not the same as all these other laws. This is where it gets deep. This is where you need to pay close attention. You have the law of nature. What is that? A male and female see each other, and there you go...the law of nature. You've got the law of sin and death. You're going to commit sin, you're going to die. That's a law. Paul talks about the law of sin and death. You have the law of seedtime and harvest that says if you sow a seed, you're going to get a harvest.

Then you have the law of Yahweh, the law of God, which is Torah, and it's based on the ten commandments. But now we're going to get into three other laws that Jesus Christ hated and that Paul hated and that God hates. Those three laws are called the Mishnah, the Talmud, and the Takkanot. The Takkanot is 6200 pages of Jewish laws (that's a lot of pages of laws)

Which law was Paul attacking all the time? When you see those scriptures that don't line up with the law—is always another. You'll find in one place he says the law is bondage. Oh, hallelujah. Once you learn this lesson, you'll read Paul and won't twist his writings anymore. Paul hated the Jewish religion. He hated it because at one time he was a master of it. He was a chief among the Pharisees.

So, what is the Mishnah? What is the Talmud? What is the Takanatt? You're going to learn about it. Let's go to the next screen.

Yahweh's Law (Torah) is as eternal as He is

- If there is ONE BAD LAW in Yahweh's Torah then HE IS BAD
- His law is given to us for INSTRUCTION and to SEPARATE US FROM THE HEATHEN
- We have been falsely taught that THE LAW OF GOD didn't begin until Mt. Sinai — nothing could be further from the truth
- Gen 26:5 — How can this be so?
- Gen 3:8 — Yahweh walked in fellowship with Adam and Eve for perhaps hundreds of years. They were taught the laws of God or else they could never have been cast out of the garden — this was passed down through ABEL (the righteous seed line) all the way to Noah

Yahweh's law is as eternal as he is. I want to say this. Is God a good God? Can I get an amen? Amen. If God gives a law and it's bad, what would that make God?

Bad. So when you hear people attacking the law of God, they're attacking the God of the law. Get that. Because if the law is bad I know who gave it on Mt. Sinai. I know who gave it! So are you going to attack the Torah that came from the very mouth of God, and stand in a pulpit and teach God's people that it is bondage? What you call bondage I call liberty, and that's what God calls it...liberty. Hallelujah.

One bad law in the Torah—if there's one bad law, then God is bad. His law was given to us for instructions on how to live our lives and to separate us from the heathens. We have been falsely taught that the law of God did not begin until when? I'm getting ready to teach you something that's going to blow your mind.

We've been taught that the law started on Mt. Sinai. Moses went up the mountain, God gave him the law. I want to show you something. The law of God is as eternal as God is. God never gave a law on Mt. Sinai that didn't always exist. You better get this right.

Who came first, Abraham or Moses? Abraham. He lived about 500 years before Moses. According to what we've been taught, Moses received the law of God. Let's see what the Bible says.

Genesis 26:5

Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

That's interesting, is it not? 500 years before the law was ever written down, Abraham's obeying that law. How could that be? Brother Vaughn, Sabbath and all of that, that didn't even exist until Moses—well, we've got a problem and it comes from the word of God. 450 years before Moses was even born, there was a man keeping Torah. How could that be? Let me teach you how that was. It's a beautiful story.

Genesis 3:8

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

Now, who came and talked to Adam and Eve in the evening time? Yahweh, God, the Lord. Question. Do you think he was talking about the NFL? Was he talking about the latest news? I wonder what they could talk about all evening everyday for perhaps thousands of years—we don't know how long, how old Adam and Eve were. We have no idea how their body's worked back then. We don't know.

For a long time, God is talking to men and women. What do you think he's teaching them? Think about this. If you're God and you're taking a child, you're a parent, what's the first thing you do? You begin training them. Don't touch that. No, no, no, don't touch that.

God is their teacher. What do you think he's teaching them? I'm getting ready to tell you what...he was teaching them Torah. How to please him. How else would they know the difference between good and evil. God is teaching them a law. Now how do we know this? It's very simple. Because Cain and Abel comes along. Both of them know about bringing the tithe. Oh wow! We don't get any tithing commandments until Moses. That's why people don't pay them because they say that's under the law. No, it's under God. You better figure that out. God is the law.

Now watch this. Cain and Abel never met Moses—paying tithes. One of them paid the wrong kind of tithes didn't he? The other one paid the right one. God can't kill one, judge one, if they don't know the law. Where did they learn it? Mama and daddy...see where I'm going with this, ok?

Torah has always existed. Now which one was the righteous seed line, Cain or Abel? Abel. Who comes out of Abel's seed line? Abraham. Now watch this, it's gets closer than that. Here comes Methuselah, Enoch and Noah. Whew! And I can prove to you that Noah kept the Sabbath day. I don't have time right now. Go watch it on firstharvest.tv. I'll prove it to you when Noah went to build the ark, God told him to do it on the seventh day—on seven days I want you to start—he was resting on that seventh day.

Anyway, Noah knew the law of God...from who? Abel. It came down...they lived thousands of years...it's coming down the lines. Now what does God say about Noah? God says that Noah was the only righteous. You see, what did we start off with—righteous. He was doing the works of the law of God! Hallelujah!

Now they get on the big boat. They come off the other side. Noah's got three sons. Noah's cursed Ham. Japheth, and then you've got a boy by the name of Shem. Shem was blessed by Noah. And Noah—don't just think he brought animals across that water. He brought some books and some papers or whatever he had, scrolls, with the law of God. Here's how we know it.

Now we didn't know this part of the story until 1948 in the Qumran caves when we found the Dead Sea scrolls. We didn't know the next part of the story. Shem founded the city of Jerusalem. He went to the Caucus mountains and he founded the city of Jerusalem. How do you think Abraham met the king of Salem (Jerusalem)? He went and founded the city of Jerusalem. Shem had a grandson. This part is in your Bible. By the name of Eber. The Bible said Eber was righteous. And

we have found out that Shem started a school in Jerusalem about the time that Isaac was born (Abraham's son).

They're in Jerusalem. Abraham's in Ur of Chaldees. Abraham sends Isaac to Shem's school in Jerusalem to learn righteousness. And he goes there for three years. Now you might know how for 500 years before Moses, Abraham knew what Shem knew and what Noah knew. He knew the Torah, the law of God. He knew it! The Bible said he obeyed it perfectly. He knew it! Next screen.

What happened after the flood?

- Shem was the seed of Noah chosen by Yahweh to PRESERVE HIS LAW in the earth. In 1948 documents were uncovered that helps us understand this gap in time from Shem to Abraham.
- We now know that Shem established the city of Jerusalem and accepted title of Abraham as the KING OF SALEM.
- While here, his grandson Eber and Shem established a SCHOOL of LAW where the TORAH was taught to Israel.
- Abraham sent Isaac to this school for 3 years and it was here that Abraham learned the TORAH — and HE AND ISAAC taught it to JACOB (Israel) and this is why ISRAEL KNEW the COMMANDMENTS before going into Egypt and why they were told to “REMEMBER THE SABBATH”.

Abraham sent Isaac to that school for three years. Now who did Isaac come home and teach this Torah to? His son Jacob. Who is Jacob? Israel. What was Jacob's name changed to? Israel. Now we're getting somewhere. Jacob (Israel) taught what he learned to all 12 of his sons, the 12 tribes of Israel. And now you might know why when they went into Egypt for 400 years and forgot what they had learned—they were told in the commandments “remember” the Sabbath day. Hallelujah.

They had already been taught it when they lost it in Egypt. 400 years is a long time. America is only 300 years old. They were there 400 years. They had forgotten this Torah Abraham knew about, Moses gave to them. They didn't remember it. They were backslidden. The first thing that'll happen when you come out of sin—God will remind you of what you learned in Sunday school. He'll remind you. Remember what your grandma taught you son! Why? Because you forget it in your soul! The word of God reminds you of it!

And this is where we come to Moses. Moses comes right here and delivers the children of Abraham out of bondage. In other words, they all get saved with the Passover lamb. Ok, this is your life I'm talking about now. Go to the next screen.

What happened on Mt. Sinai?

- Rom 3:19 — A judge cannot condemn anyone without a WRITTEN LAW
- A child can say “You never told me to take out the garbage” and therefore the Punishment is unjust — so we write down chores
- A contract makes us all UNDER THE LAW of the Courts and their jurisdiction
- Yahweh's TORAH as given to MOSES was a death decree to us all — not Because it was BAD — but because we are ANIMALS without the indwelling Of the Holy Spirit
- What was written down at Mt. Sinai always was and always WILL BE
Matt 5:17-20

What happens when they come out of Egypt? God told Moses, go up to Mt. Sinai. How foolish for you to think that for the first time in thousands of years God's going to reveal his law. So why did God tell Moses to come up to the mountain—I'm getting ready to give you my law. Here's the answer. Watch what happens.

Romans 3:19

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Without a written law, God can't pronounce anybody guilty of breaking it. Hold on now. You tell Matthew, I want you to mow the yard tomorrow. He doesn't do it. It's your word against his. But if you've got a list of chores written down, you point to it don't you? Now he's guilty by the what? By the law. The chores was the law.

Before God wrote that law of Moses down, men had an excuse. What's that excuse? We didn't know. They were not guilty. God couldn't just hold them guilty. Why? Because it's was word of mouth. When you go to a court of law today, the judge cannot convict you unless he can point to somewhere in a book of laws where you broke it! I think you just missed a valid point there. The judge can't even convict you unless it's written down somewhere in a book of laws.

God told Moses, no more excuses, I'm going to write it down with my finger this time there, and I'm going to condemn the whole of them, everybody's going to need a savior now. Nobody will have a defense at the judgment, nobody! Oh my my my.

But just because that's when God wrote it down is not when God created it. Now that's the point I'm trying to make to you tonight. It did not begin on Mt. Sinai. It began with God. Hallelujah. A contract puts us all under the law. Did you know that? If I call you brother and say come fix my refrigerator...I'm going to give you \$50. And you come and fix the refrigerator and you leave, and I don't give you that \$50, it's my word against yours. There's no law anywhere that says I owe you \$50. I'm trying to show you why God had to write the law down. But the minute me and him write a contract—you can't do business without one. Why? Because you can't go to the law.

The minute you get a contract, you've come under the what? The law. They have jurisdiction over you now. You submitted yourself with the "contract". Mt. Sinai, those ten commandments was a contract between God and his people. He said if you'll obey those, I'll do this, I'll do that. Now it's written down. There's no running from judgment. It's written in stone. And it's written in your mind. That's why God wrote down the law.

Yahweh's Torah was given to Moses. It was a death decree to us all. How many's heard Paul talk like that about the law? That it was death to us all? Of course it was. Without it, we have an excuse. The law took our excuse away. We didn't know God was really against adultery. We heard it through the grapevine. Why do you think we have marriage contracts? We've got to bring you under the law to have jurisdiction over you.

Now, it was not a death decree to us because it was bad. Nothing God creates is bad, but we are animals without the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The law doesn't bring death to me and you sister because we obey it. But not on our own. We don't have the power. But when we were saved by faith, then we were saved for good works. And the *good worker* moved in. It's a beautiful process.

When you take one away from the other...like how the Jews are taking one away from salvation...do the works, can't do it. You can't do it! Oh hallelujah. That's why I get so angry when somebody says brother Vaughn is practicing Judaism. I despise Judaism. Not that I don't love them—I despise that religion. Just like Catholicism. I love all Catholics. But I despise the lies. And so Judaism is no different for me. What was written down at Mt. Sinai will always be.

Matthew 5:17-20

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven, but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Somebody say *special treasure*. Who will be called special treasures? Those that keep the commandments. Jesus said, don't ever think that I came to do away with my Father's law. Don't let the church convince you of that. He said, if anyone teaches you that, they will be the least in my kingdom. He didn't say they wouldn't be in the kingdom. He said they'd be the least because they didn't understand the beauty of works and grace. Hallelujah. Next screen.

What happened AFTER SINAI?

- After Moses died — the JEWISH PEOPLE are the only ones who HELD ON and preserved the Law of God.
- Then some years later they became lax and they went into Babylonian captivity for 70 years.
- During this time — a NEW THOUGHT PROCESS BEGAN TO FORM — it later became known as the PHARISEES! They began to see the LAW OF GOD as amendable and changeable. They no longer felt that GOD gave them ALL THE LAW through MOSES but rather they began to look to their Sages to ADD TO THE LAW OF GOD (Torah)

Now this is where all the confusion begins. After Moses died. God gave Moses the Torah. But after Moses died, the Jewish people held on and preserved the Torah. Then some years later, they became very lax and then God sent them to Babylon for 70 years. That's where the book of Daniel comes in.

So all these people go over to Babylon for 70 years. During this time, a new thought process begins in the Jewish mind. Whereas before, they thought the Torah was only what Moses wrote down, the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. But during this time, they began to see the law of God as fluid, amiable.

They began to see it as changeable...that it could be added to and taken away from as the need arose, to fit the circumstances of the day. They no longer felt that God gave all the law to Moses. But rather they began to look to their elders and their sages to add to the Torah! And at this moment is where you find God angry, where you find Jesus Christ angry, and Paul angry!! NOT AT THE TORAH, the Law of God! He said it's holy.

But another law that began to creep up among the Jewish people. That law we went over a little while ago...the Mishnah, Talmud and the Takkanot. Thousands of pages of elders in Jerusalem began to write their opinions down and make books out of them. The Jewish people didn't see those books as commentaries. I've studied books that were added thoughts, but I never equate them with the word of God!

But the Jewish people now take these books of the additions of the Torah and they begin to call all of it the Torah. Now you'll begin to see where Paul was so angry. What did they add? I'll give you an example. God never said that we couldn't go and buy a hamburger on the Sabbath day. He just said have a convocation and no servile work. He never said that you can't even drive three miles on the Sabbath day. But guess who did? These Jewish elders. They began to make the Sabbath which is a delight a burden.

I could go down the line. Here's what else they made up. You know God's always had clean and unclean food. You know that I don't eat unclean food. But the Jews, they went a step further. They said, oh no, people are unclean now if they're not Jews. The Torah never said that. That's what God was showing Peter in the vision—don't call no man unclean. It wasn't referring to food unclean, it was talking about men. He said you added to that what I never said. GOD HATES ADDING TO THE WORD !!!

He said if any man adds to or takes away from this book, let him be cursed. The Jewish people added to the word of God and it's okay if they would've added their opinion and considered it opinion. But they send men to hell over this word if it didn't line up to what they'd written. These laws are called the Mishnah, Talmud and Takkanot. Thousands of them. Go to Jerusalem today. Did you ever see the men with the long beards, curly sideburns and the hats? You won't find any of that in Torah. None of it. It's not in the first five books of the Bible that God gave Moses. It was added and they feel it has to be done for them be saved.

They don't need a savior! Paul hated this law. They don't need a Jesus, a Messiah, because they're Jews, they're saved already! You see? Let's go to the next screen. Now I'm going to prove to you these added laws became known as the law of the Jews. I want you to remember that. Not the law of God. When you hear people

say, brother Vaughn, we're not saved by the law, they are right as long as they got the right law. But you better understand which law because if it's the law of the Jews, I'll agree with you. We're not under that law any more. But if you think the law of God has been done away with, one jot or one tittle of it, you're a fool.

But because we don't know the difference in some of this crazy Jewish stuff and the law of God, we just lump them all together. Do you know why we do that? Because the Jews actually kept the law of God, and because they kept it, we give them the credit that's it their law. It's not their law. It's God's law given to all men. The Jews just happen to keep it and we didn't all those years. But then they added to it.

Now that is called the religion of the Jews. They abide by these added laws of their culture and their customs. Now, next screen.

These ADDED LAWS became THE LAW OF THE JEWS – not the LAW OF GOD

- 6200 pages of laws exist today in Jerusalem (The Religion of the Jews)
- They abide by these ADDED LAWS of their culture and their customs
- These are called TALMUD – MISHNAH – TAKKANOTS
- All of these LAWS for salvation and righteousness are NOT TORAH, they are NOT THE LAW OF GOD
- Just as we gave LAWS to be AMERICAN, the JEWS have LAWS to be JEWS (in their mind to be a Jew is to be saved so these laws are for salvation)
- This is the RELIGION of which PAUL was an EXPERT
Gal 1:13-14

All of these laws for salvation and righteousness to this day...the Jews don't believe they are unrighteous. They believe they're a clean race and that they don't need a savior. They don't even believe the Messiah is coming when he finally does come *to save them*. They believe he's coming to set up a kingdom for them. Okay?

So Paul is fighting this mentality. He's preaching Jesus and they're saying, why do we need him? Because they kept the works of the law, but not the Torah. They're keeping the works of this "added law".

Just as we have laws to be an American, you've got to come through our system and do this and do that. The Jews have a law to become a Jew where in their mind if you're a Jew you're saved. So these laws are for salvation. Let's say so-and-so wants to become a Jew. You could move to Israel and go through their process to convert to the law of the Jews, or the religion of the Jews. You would become a Jew. In their religion, the moment you went through all of those works, you're a Jew. Therefore, you're *saved* because you are a Jew. Now you see why Paul was so against the works of the law. Now let's see what Paul said.

Galatians 1:13-14

For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jew's religion...

Who's religion? The Jews. Paul, in all of his epistles, was against the religion that he was a part of in the past. He just said it here. The Jew's religion, not the law of God. THE JEW'S RELIGION! He said you've heard how in times past I was a member of the *Jew's religion*.

13 ...how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it, and profited in the Jew's religion...

I made money in the Jew's religion. Why? Because they sold them works. You had to buy animals for those sacrifices. There was a money-making thing going on here. He said I was chief of all of that. The Jews, not the law of God, added religion!

14 ...And profited in the Jew's religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

Did you hear that? Did you hear the last line? The "traditions of my fathers". He didn't say the Torah. He said the traditions of my fathers! He said I was part of that religion and now I'm out to destroy it! Not the law of God! THAT religion.

Let me show you how that religion worked. Do you remember the day Jesus Christ and his disciples were hungry and they were out in the cornfield? And it was the Sabbath day. What did Jesus and his disciples do in that cornfield? They plucked corn didn't they? Why? They were hungry. God's law, the Torah, says you're allowed to eat when you're hungry on the Sabbath day. But the Jew's religion changed it.

So here comes Jesus into the Jewish church. And they're like...hey! ...you did that on the Sabbath day! He said my Father's commandment didn't say I couldn't do that. YOU said I couldn't do that.

What about when they came in and didn't wash their hands? What did the Jew's religion tell them? You can't eat with unwashed hands! And Jesus said that's a good idea, nothing wrong with it, but where's that in the Torah? That's in the Jew's religion. You said I had to do that in order to be clean and righteous and to be holy. God never said that.

We do the same thing in the Christian church. Oh yeah, we add little requirements they can't find in the word of God anywhere—where pharisee-ism is adding to the word of God. And judging people. It's ok to judge people but you can only do it by the word of God, not your traditions, not your convictions. I'm going to say it again! Not your convictions, not your traditions. If it's not by the word, you're out of line.

I can judge a homosexual. Why? I've got the word. I can judge adultery. It's in my book. But if you go and won't do this, that's on you. You can't do the same thing the Jews did and talk about the Jews adding to the word of God, sending people to hell. You know when I was coming up, a woman who had open-toed shoes on was going to hell. The heel and toes had to be closed. Why don't you get up and say, hey, we don't like you wearing open-toed shoes, but it hasn't nothing to do with your salvation, we'd rather you not do it in this church. That would be perfectly fine. But don't send anybody to hell! You don't have that authority outside the word of God. The Jews thought they did.

Paul's battle is not with TORAH but with TALMUD — the LAW OF THE JEWS

- Jesus came to CONFRONT TALMUD not TORAH
- Paul came to CONFRONT TALMUD not TORAH
- This is why I am so adamant in this ministry that we are not trying to be JEWISH — we are trying to be ISRAEL (huge difference, the ONE NEW MAN)

Yahshua came to confront the Talmud, not the Torah. Paul came to confront the Talmud, not the Torah. This is why I'm so adamant in this ministry that we're not trying to be Jewish, far from it. They were keeping holy days long before a Jew ever existed. The Sabbath came in the beginning before a Jew ever existed. We're not trying to be Jewish, we're trying to be righteous before God Hallelujah. Next

screen. All these laws that we just went over are never differentiated in your Bible.

Translation TERRORS

- Paul’s writings — they are all given the English word “THE LAW”
- How did this happen?
- When the translators ADDED words they were supposed to put them in ITALICS — but the following GREEK words were ADDED by the translators and NEVER INDICATED
- (For what reason? We can only surmise)

In Paul’s writings, they were all given the English phrase: *THE LAW*. Whether it was Talmud, whether it was Mishnah, whether it was Takkanot...it’s all *the law*. How did this happen?

It happened when the translators translated from Greek in the New Testament to English. This word *NOMOS* means law. Custom, Norm. Look at the word *nomos*. Norm almost looks like it. The norm. We call it the Common Law. Have you ever heard of the common law? It’s common. It’s normal. It’s normal for a man and woman to be married...not a man and man, right? So that would fall under “*nomos*”. That’s the custom, tradition, law of the land.

The Jewish law when Jesus came was the “law of the land”. Today, American law says two men can marry. Hardly would we call American law...The Law. Oh see, the Law is right there (in the word of God, the Bible). That’s The Law. All these others are “laws”. They’re customs, they’re traditions.

For example, I grew up in some churches...this church didn’t wear red, that church didn’t wear high heels. They had their own little customs and laws and that’s fine if everybody wants to do that and everybody agrees to it. Let that be a recommendation from the elders in that church. Everybody agrees to it, let’s roll with it. Keep the church clean. I’m fine with that. That would be called in Greek a *nomos*, a law.

But every time in the Greek when Paul is referring to *Torah*, he puts this word in front of *nomos*: *HO*. Which means THE. But the translators put “ho” in front of every *nomos*. I don’t believe they did it intentionally. I believe they just didn’t

know the difference in all these laws back then. They just didn't. The translators didn't know.

So they put HO in front of NOMOS every single time! So when you read where Paul is saying that we're not saved by the works of the law...if you take the word "the" out of that, and you say that we're not saved by the Talmudic law or by "laws" — it's going to change everything. When Paul was talking about "the law is holy"— in Greek that is HO NOMOS...The Law. The Law is holy. All these other laws are not holy. And you can't be saved by any of them. You don't need any of them, they're all added.

But when it comes to the translations in your Bible, be very careful!! If HO NOMOS is not in the original, it is not talking about the law of God! Paul came against these laws (nomos: customary, common, the norm) because the Jews were trying to be saved by these laws, their own law. And Paul despised it! He said it will bring you under bondage. But the law of God he could never say that about. And that's where all the confusion comes from.

I'm going to give you an example. By the way, the translators made another mistake. They're always suppose to *italicize* any thing they add into the Bible. You all know that right? If you see italics, that means it was added. If you're reading the KJV...I don't know about the others. But if you see an italicized word, it's not in the original. It's not inspired by God. It's not. It was put there to help clarify that phrase...not bad all the time, no harm intended, sometimes we can't make sense out of certain languages without certain words being added.

But in this case, and they probably meant no harm with this because in their mind the law was the law, but I want to show you where this messed up a lot of people.

Now I'm going to go to a topic that seems like it's off-topic, but I want to talk to you for a few minutes before I close about women preachers.

About women preachers

- 1 Corinthians 14:5, 27-39
- The word "Brethren" in Thayer's Greek Lexicon is not denoting SEX but RELATIONSHIP — anyone born of the same womb
- He was speaking of everyone RELATED IN CHRIST
- There is a famous Christian denomination known as "The Brethren Church" it is filled with women
- Notice verse 5

Now, why are we going to talk about women preachers tonight? Now this is not an exhaustive study on women preachers—that would take me about three hours to do that from Genesis to Revelation. But I want to show you where this “ho nomos” and “nomos” has destroyed a lot of good women preachers that were shut down, from these verses.

1 Corinthians 14:5, 27-39

I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied, for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

Now what did Paul say? I want you all to prophesy. Guess who he’s writing this letter to. Get your context right. ALL. All means everybody in the church—men and women. Now what’s funny to me about the women preachers subject is (now women pastors I have a different opinion about, but not women preachers), a woman can’t speak in the church, can’t preach, but... she speaks in tongues in every one of our services, she can prophesy, she can testify, she can teach the children — but Paul says right here he’s speaking to everyone (now stay with the context). He says I want you all to prophesy. Now the context never changes. Let’s go down to verse 27 of chapter 14.

27-28 If any many speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course, and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church, and let him speak to himself, and to God.

Who’s Paul still speaking to? Men and women, all. All of you. Now he’s saying if you prophesy (women are still in there), all...he’s still talking to women.

29-30 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

Why is Paul referring with all this stuff? Because somebody wrote him a letter while he was in prison about some confusion in this church. There were problems in this church with everybody trying to out-prophesy everybody. Everybody trying to out-do one another. Nothing’s changed 2,000 years later! Everybody’s still trying to out-sing the other one. It’s the same thing. So Paul’s trying to deal with a lot of confusion in this church. And he said I’m writing this letter to ALL of you.

31 For ye may all prophesy...

You may what? All prophesy. Who shall prophesy when the Holy Ghost comes? Your sons *and* your daughters. ALL prophesy. When you know the meaning of the word *prophesy* — it's *preaching*. Keep going.

31-32 ...one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Now what that means is somebody said, brother Vaughn, I got a word and I just can't hold my peace—he said, yes you can. He said, don't disrupt the service, don't disrupt — he said the mind of the prophet is subject...you can stop it until the time is right, ok?

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Now Paul is getting ready to talk about something that is very confusing in this local church. And you're about to find out what it is. It's *women preachers*.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches...

Notice how he starts — the subject has changed now. For the whole chapter, he's talking to everybody to prophesy, to do all of this. But he said now there's confusion in the church, and I'm going to set that confusion straight. And he said the confusion is not from the word of God. And now he's getting ready to quote to them what's causing the confusion.

...for it is not permitted unto them to speak, but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

Whoa, whoa, whoa! He said there's confusion in the church. He had just said for everybody to prophesy. But he said that I hear there's some confusion about these women. And then he said here's the confusion—it is commanded that the women keep silent in the church. Hold tight! Go read the Torah of God's word. You'll never find a commandment from God's holy word for the women to keep silent. Never. Not one time.

But yet it's commanded that the women shut up. He said the confusion is where the commandment came from. Now because he said "as also saith the law", we automatically think that he's saying that God's law commanded women to keep silent. Go look up that word law.

There's no "ho" in front of "nomos" in that scripture. It shouldn't say "as saith THE law". It should say "as saith TALMUDIC law", not The Law of God. But

because the translators took “ho” and put it in front of “nomos” and it’s not supposed to be there—they now made that scripture say... “as saith the law of God”. Well if God’s law says a woman can’t preach, then every one needs to shut up. I’m willing to do it and I know you are if that’s what God’s law said.

But what he’s saying here is that there’s another law that’s bringing confusion. He started off ...everybody prophesy. Everybody sing a song. Everybody, everybody. But there’s confusion about a commandment concerning women. Now in the next verse, he’s going to eat those pharisee’s hide.

35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

Alright, I can take you to the Talmud right now where that exact quote is in the Talmud—that a woman’s to keep silent in all the assemblies. They added to the Torah. God chose a woman by the name of Deborah to lead all of Israel. Anyway, so how can God contradict his own self?

So this law didn’t come from Torah. This is what Paul was against! In the next verse, he’s going to set them straight.

36 What?? (He says WHAT?? Women keep silent in the church??) ...came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

Do you think you men only have the word of God? Do you think Mary carried the word of God in her stomach for nine months, but you’re the only one with the word? He said you’ve allowed this law (nomos) of the Talmud to bring confusion into the assembly! He said I want you ALL to prophesy. He said what?? Because they were writing to him that he needs to come and shut the women up. Because they’re out there preaching and out-preaching the men most the time they can.

Shut ‘em down Paul...we’re Jews. Paul said what?? Do you think the word of God only came to you men? Or can only come from you men? Powerful scripture.

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

Oh, hold on. What you were messed up about was not the commandment of the Lord. It was the commandment of the Jews. But you need to know what I’m saying to you—is *the law*! Not “our” law—but this is *the law*. This is what God has said. Not “let the women keep silent”. He said that’s another law. He said what?? Get rid of it. That’s the law I hate—get rid of that.

He said if you think you're a prophet and you get mad because the women are out there out-propheying you all who are the real prophets ...then you need to know if you're a real prophet that what I'm giving you is *the law*.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

But if you want to be stupid just miss out on some good preaching because them women can preach. Just be stupid. He said I'm not going to fight with you...just be stupid.

39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

Forbid not to speak in tongues. The women were being forbidden to even speak in tongues. They weren't allowed to even speak in tongues because of this Talmudic law that said for the women to sit over here on the balconies and such. Paul said that's not the law of God.

I could go on and on and on tonight about scriptures...that once you understand the difference in "ho nomos" and "nomos", the whole word of God is understood. And it's very easy. Go back to the Greek in your concordances and you'll see "ho nomos" or "nomos". It's that simple. God's law is more precious to him than his name. He loves his law. Tonight, you need to love his law. And do you know what? I would rather people mock me for trying to walk in the ways of righteousness than to praise me for preaching a false gospel. Amen? Absolutely.

So, we don't preach works to be saved. We preach them because we're saved. We're saved unto what? Good works.

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