

RESPECT FOR GOD'S COMMANDMENTS A MUST
Psa.1:1-6; 119:1-16,113-117
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Over and over again and again the Psalmist taught, ever emphasized the essentiality of professed believers delighting in, meditating in, walking in, and **respecting** the law, the statutes, the commandments of the Lord, and of the blessedness of those doing so continually.
2. Our texts are two examples, Psa.1-6; 119:1-16,113-117.
3. The attitude of *respect for God's precepts* expressed by the Psalmist in Psa.119:6,15,117 should be, in fact, must be our attitude.
4. The word "respect" suggests a "proper regard for, a looking up to; to honor or esteem."
5. Needless to say, not all professed believers in God and professed disciples of Jesus Christ are true to their profession, for so often so many of God's precepts are either disregarded, eliminated by fallacious human reasoning, or set aside by emotional rejection, to say nothing of how they are so often ridiculed by the unbelieving of the world.
6. In this study we shall call your attention to three separate things: 1) We must recognize that not all of God's commands recorded in the Bible apply to us today; 2) Passages emphasizing the essentiality of respectful obedience to God's applicable commands; 3) Applicable passages and precepts to which even professed believers show little or no respect.

II. DISCUSSION

A. EXAMPLES OF GOD'S COMMANDS RECORDED IN THE BIBLE NOT APPLICABLE TO US TODAY.

1. God's commandments to Adam in Gen.2:15-17 do not apply to us.
2. To Noah in Gen.6; Heb.11:8 do not apply to us.
3. To Abraham in Gen.12:1-3; 17:9-14; 22:1,2; Heb.11:8-19 do not apply to us.
4. To Lot in Gen.19:15-26 do not apply to us.
5. Neither does the law that God gave to Israel through Moses at Mt. Sinai (Exo.20; Deut.5) apply to us. Cf. Rom.2:14; Eph.2:11-19.

- a. In fact, that law has been annulled, abrogated, blotted out, nailed to the cross of Christ – is no longer in effect – applied to no one, not even the Jews to who it was originally given.
6. Also, the commission as given to the Apostles of Jesus Christ, as recorded in Lk.24:44-49; Ac.1:1-8; Jno.20:19-23; Ac.2:1-4; 2Cor.12:12, is not applicable to us today. However Cf. 2Tim.2:1,2.
7. It's not Moses, nor the O.T. prophets, we must hear and obey today, but God's Son, Jesus Christ, Heb.1:1-3; 2:1-3; 12:25; Mt.3:16,17; 17:1-5; Deut.18:18,19; Ac.3:22,23; Jno.12:48-50.

B. PASSAGES EMPHASIZING THE ESSENTIALITY OF RESPECTFUL OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S APPLICABLE COMMANDMENTS.

1. Mt.7:21-23.
2. Lk.6:46.
3. Jno.13:17.
4. Jno.14:15,21,23,24.
5. Rom.6:16-18;
6. 1Cor.6:18; Jude 7; Gen.19.
7. 1Cor.7:19.
8. Heb.2:1-3.
9. Heb.5:8,9.
10. Heb.12:25.
11. Jas.1:22-25.
12. Jas.2:10-12.
13. 1Pet.1:22.
14. 1Jno.2:3-5.
15. 1Jno.3:24.
16. 1Jno.5:3.
17. Rev.22:14.
18. Of course, all of this must be done by faith, Heb.11:6; etc.

C, UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE FORCED TO REMIND YOU OF APPLICABLE PASSAGES AND PRECEPTS TO WHICH EVEN PROFESSED BELIEVERS SHOW LITTLE OR NO RESPECT.

1. Mt.19:4-6.
2. Mt.19:9.
3. Lk.16:18.
4. Mt.7:12.

5. 1Cor.5:11.
6. 1Cor.7:2-5.
7. 1Cor.7:10-13.
8. 1Cor.14:12,13,27,28.
9. 1Cor.14:34; 1Tim.2:11-14.
10. 1Tim.2:9,10; 1Pet.3:1-7.
11. 2Th.3:6.
12. Eph.5:11.
13. 2Jno.9.
14. Heb.10:25.

III. CONCLUSION

1. Psa.119:11-15.
2. Psa.119:103-105,127,128.
3. Psa.119:172,173.
4. 2Tim.4:6-8.
5. 1Pet.4:17.
6. 2Th.1:6-10.