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“The Law Was Lost”

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In **2 Kings 22** and **2 Chronicles 34**, King Josiah discovered the book of the law, He gathered the people together and *“Read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Jehovah”* (**2 Chronicles 34:30**). The King made a promise to keep all of God's commandments. The law of the Lord was lost but now found in the temple.

A much needed lesson today is for men to realize that the law of God can be **REDISCOVERED** but not **REVISED!** God's laws have long been settled (**Psalm 119:89**). *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”* (**Matthew 24:35**). *“...The scripture cannot be broken”* (**John 10:35**). Thus, man does not have the God-given liberty to tamper with them (**Revelation 22:18-19**).

The law of God is currently lost in many churches of Christ. How?

1) Mechanical instruments of music are

allowed in the worship of the living God. **IT IS NOT AUTHORIZED** in worship taught in the New Testament (**Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**). You will note that the action commanded is **“SINGING”**. Not only is it specified as singing, but the things accomplished by the singing are named. The instrument can never **“TEACH,” “ADMONISH,”** or **SPEAK**. In our worship we should strive to please God, not ourselves. And that means worshipping as He directs.

2) By accepting Denominational baptism. It is impossible for one to hear another gospel; the word of God mingled with the doctrines of men, and of it obtains the one faith (**Ephesians 4:5**). Baptism is for the remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**), Paul was commanded to wash away his sins by submitting to baptism (**Acts 22:16**), that gets one into Christ (**Galatians 3:27**), that gets one into the body of Christ (**1 Corinthians**

12:13), which is the church (**Ephesians 1:22-23**), the one church (**Ephesians 4:4**), where we are reconciled back to God (**Ephesians 2:16**), where Christ is the head and the Savior (**Ephesians 5:23**). "If one is taught error on a dozen matters, and yet that religions group baptizes for the remission of sins, is the person, 'added to the Lord's church ' at the same time he takes up membership in the particular denomination he's joining?" Related to this is the fact that in the preaching of the gospel, things of the kingdom are to be proclaimed (**Acts 8:12**). But, if one is taught a dozen errors regarding the kingdom, is his baptism somehow still proper in the sight of God? **I THINK NOT!** You cannot be taught incorrectly and baptized correctly. Nor can you do something for the wrong reason and get the right results.

3) Saying denominations have New Testament Christians within their ranks and should be fellowshipped. First division has always been condemned by God. The very word **DENOMINATION** means a named or designated division. But this is in direct conflict with Jesus' prayer (**John 17:22**). Unity was God's aim and His desire. Likewise, denominationalism is in direct conflict with Paul's statement to the church of Christ in Corinth (**1 Corinthians 1:10**). Here is a passage that says denominations are not even to exist. The Bible clearly reveals that division is condemned by the Judge of this universe.

False doctrine is also condemned by God (**Romans 16:17-18**). John also spoke

the words of God when he warned us that, *'Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds'* (**2 John 9-11**). Division is condemned, false doctrine is condemned, those that teach these false doctrines are to be rejected (**Titus 3:10-11**) and not fellowshipped (**Ephesians 5:11**). So where does this leave the "Denominations"? I think the answer is plain to all.

The churches which practice and believe these things and many other far off ideas have lost the "**LAW**"!

Trust In the Lord

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"...Blessed are all they that put their trust in him," (**Ps. 2:12**). The Lord gives a blessing to all those, and to those only, who put their trust in Him. *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,"* (**Prov. 3:5**). *"...put your trust in the Lord,"* (**Ps. 4:5**).

Why? Because He has promised to take care of His children. *"But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee,"* (**Ps. 5:11**). David here knew God would take care of him, and for that reason, his heart would overflow with joy and gladness. We who trust in God have reason to rejoice for we have a refuge, God (**2 Sam. 22:3**). If man is aware of God's character, he will put his trust in Him (**Ps. 9:10**).

Those who trust in the Lord are His friends, servants, His workers and defenders. Those who situate their trust in Jehovah are likened to Mount Zion (**Ps. 125:1**); meaning, a person who places total trust in God is **IMMOVABLE!** We need to *"trust in him at all times..."* (**Ps. 62:8**). But sadly some trust in their riches (**1 Tim. 6:17; Mk. 10:25**). Some trust in friends (**Ps. 146:3-5; Mic. 2:5**). Some trust in man (**Ps. 118:8**). It is better to *"trust in the living God..."* (**1 Tim. 4:10**), than to put confidence in these things. *"Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust..."* (**Ps. 40:4**). *"... And none of them that trust in him shall be desolate,"* (**Ps. 34:22**).