

Guard the Doctrines of God!

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services! Today we are going to *guard the doctrine!* That's what Paul told Timothy: *guard the doctrine!*

It's important that we *understand the doctrine* and *guard the doctrine*, because as we have said for years, there is going to be another change coming concerning doctrine within various Churches of God. They are already telegraphing it the same way that they telegraphed it in their tactics before. The same ministers are now in position in another large Church of God to do the same thing.

Remember what we covered concerning the Passover. Remember what I said. What do they always start with? *Passover!* Always! Jesus also told us to *'be on guard that no one deceive us.'*

There is an active enemy out there filling the world with lies. That is Satan the devil, 'who is deceiving the whole world' (Rev. 12:9)—you all know that Scripture. 'And they all worshiped the dragon' (Rev. 13). They are worshiping Satan.

We think, 'Oh, that's really an amazing thing.' How close are we to that? Think about how many people really worship Satan today, some of them knowingly; some of them unknowingly.

- they've been deceived *into pleasures*
- they've been deceived *into false religion*
- they've been deceived *into sports*
- they've been deceived *into music*
- they've been deceived *concerning the Bible*

The *New International Version* of the Bible, which is used right now almost universally with all of Christendom, it has 65,000 less words than the *King James Version*. The *King James Version* has certain translations that are not correct, which lead fundamentally to further deceiving.

Paul talks quite a bit about doctrine in 1-Tim. Remember this was written just before the beginning of the rebellion against the Romans.

1-Timothy 1:1: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ according to *the* commandment of God our Savior, and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, *Who is* our hope, to Timothy, *my* true son in *the* faith: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. When I was going to Macedonia, I exhorted you to remain in Ephesus, in order that you might *solemnly* charge some **not to teach other doctrines**" (vs 1-3). That's an important thing.

- *doctrine* comes from the word 'didaskalia'
- *teacher* comes from the word 'didaskalos'
- *teach* comes from the word 'didasko'

All related to the same word

- 'didaskalos' can also be translated *teachings*.

Verse 4: "Nor to pay attention to myths... [traditions of men, 'religious' myths] ...and endless genealogies... [those coming along trying to prove that they have connection to the priesthood] ... which lead to empty speculations rather than to edification from God, which *is* in faith."

Let's see what was happening. This is happening today, everywhere! I just recently got a paper from a man stating that the Passover is the same as the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and that the Passover is a Holy Day. He wrote a long hand-written explanation of it. He lives in South Africa, but it really doesn't matter where he lives, because *Satan wants to deceive the elect!*

Since we know a lot of doctrine, there are a lot of doctrines he can't deceive us on. You have to be pretty well deceived from the basic thing, especially beginning with the Passover, before you finally come to the point of embracing Sunday-worship again. But notice the spirit behind it.

God's Spirit tells us this, 1-Timothy 4:1: "Now the Spirit tells *us* explicitly that in *the* latter times **some shall apostatize from the faith...**"

A person that we knew, who used to attend and dropped away when there was a split in the churches—quit coming—and he said, 'I don't believe any of that anymore.' That's why ***we have to guard the Truth, we have to guard the doctrines***, the correct understanding of it.

"...and shall follow deceiving spirits... [there are always men behind those spirits] ...and doctrines of demons" (v 1).

- What do you suppose doctrines of demons lead to?
- Whom do the demons worship as their god? *Satan the devil!*
- Does Satan use men?
- God uses men, does Satan use men?

That's why Jesus chose Judas Iscariot to prove that Satan always likes to get in to the highest position possible so that more can be deceived that way.

Just take a look at how the Catholic Church operates with the pope. Since Christ is gone, and they give lip service to His return, the pope is in charge of everything and everything he says is infallible. Yet, it's all wrapped up in idolatry and all

wrapped up in myths and fairy tales. That's why Paul said, 'Don't give heed to myths.'

What happens is we're truly dealing with people that are double-minded; they never really believed. They went along to get along because it was convenient. There are always trials that come that separates. It is true: *doctrine separates*. The Catholics like to say that doctrine divides but love unites. That's a true statement. Sinners love each other, and they don't like to be divided by doctrine.

How do we live in the world but we're not of the world, as Jesus said? *Because of the doctrines we believe and follow and practice that are of God!* As Jesus said, 'The Truth will set you free'; free from sin:

- your own
- society's
- the world's

Here's what happens, v 2: "Speaking lies in hypocrisy, their consciences having been cauterized *with a hot iron.*" In one of the Churches of God today there is a man who was also in charge of the big church that we left years ago, who was the leading one in bringing the false doctrines within that church. Guess what they are doing in that church? *They are investigating 26 doctrines!* Shouldn't that have been done long ago?

Currently one of the ministers is giving a series of six sermons on the Passover, entitled: *Changes in the Passover!* That is what was different in Egypt; it was different when the temple was there; it was different when Jesus came. Yes, there have been some changes, but from what level to what level? *From the level of the physical to the level of the spiritual!* ***Never did God ever change the day of the Passover!***

There's a movement to change the foot-washing to the end of the services, because of a complete mistranslation of John 13:2. Remember when Jesus went to have lunch with one of the Pharisees, He went in there and what did He say after the woman started washing His feet with her tears and with the ointment? *I want to ask you a question: 'There were 2 servants. One owed him 50 pieces of silver, the other one owed him one. He frankly forgave both of them. Tell me now, who will love him the most?'* The Pharisee probably reached up and pulled his phylacteries and said, 'That's an easy one. The one whom he forgave the most.'

Jesus turned to Simon and He said, 'Simon, you see this woman?' And he was in his own mind—because Jesus could read minds—saying, 'This is a dirty, filthy woman and if He were really a prophet He would have known what kind of woman she was.' Then the Catholics take that one step

further and say that was Mary Magdalene, but it wasn't.

So, Jesus said to Simon, 'You see this woman?' Oh, how humiliating for him. 'I came into your house and you did not wash My feet.' Foot-washing comes first. If you walk dusty roads with sandals, and you come in with dirty feet, what's the first thing that is done to honor your guests? *You send the slaves to wash the feet!*

Jesus said, 'I came into your house and you didn't wash My feet. You didn't give Me any ointment, but this woman, from the time I came in has not ceased washing My feet and wiping them with her hairs and with the ointment that she has.' So, He said to the woman, 'Woman, your sins are forgiven.' The Pharisees said: 'Who is this? Only God can forgive sin.' *They never got it!* They were hypocritical! What did the hypocrites do? *Plotted to kill Jesus!*

Verse 3: "Forbidding to marry; *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by the faithful, even *by* those who know the Truth." Won't get into that any further there.

Verse 6: "If you are teaching these things... [the things sanctified by the Word of God (v 5)] ...you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ, being nourished by the words of the faith and of the good doctrines that you have closely followed. But refuse profane and old wives' fables; rather, exercise yourself unto Godliness" (vs 6-7).

Verse 13: "Until I come, devote *yourself* to reading, to encouragement, *and* to doctrine. Do not neglect the *spiritual* gift *that is* in you, which was given to you by prophecy with *the* laying on of the hands of the elderhood. Meditate on these things; give yourself wholly to them so that your growth in the faith may be apparent to all. **Be diligent** with yourself and with the doctrines, continue in them. For in doing this, you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (vs 13-16). Quite an amazing thing—isn't it?

2-Timothy 1:13: "Hold *as the* standard *for doctrine* the sound words that you have heard from me, in *the* faith and love that *are* in Christ Jesus. **Guard** the good thing that was committed to you... [that's everything: the Spirit of God, the doctrines and teachings of Christ; we are to guard it] ...*by the* Holy Spirit that is dwelling in us" (vs 13-14). There were a lot of clingers. There always comes a trial to make them fall away.

Verse 15: "You know this, that all those who are in Asia **have rejected me**, of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus because he

frequently refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. For when he was in Rome, he searched for me very diligently and found *me*” (vs 15-17).

2-Timothy 2:14 talks about something very important to understand: “See that *they* remain mindful of these things, earnestly charging *them* in the sight of the Lord not to argue over words that are not profitable in any way, *but which lead to the subverting of those who hear.*” And eventually fall away.

Notice what every elder or minister—and we can say today, every one of the brethren in the Church today, because no one is exempt from the attacks of Satan to deceive.

Verse 15: “**Diligently study** to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who does not *need to be* ashamed, **rightly dividing the Word of the Truth**”—a right way to understand the Scriptures.

Isa. 28 talks about this very thing. How do we learn? How do we know? That’s why: *Prove all things!* There are some things you have to take on faith.

I got a letter from a man, it was an e-mail, and he has a calendar question. He says, ‘Show me the original documents of Hillel II concerning the calendar before the changes were made.’ That is a question that is impossible to answer.

I answered back to him this way: Show me the tablets of stone that the Lord wrote the Ten Commandments on; ‘then I will believe you.’ God gave the calendar to no one other—not the Jews, because there are too many unfaithful Jews who claim that they are custodians of the Word of God, but they are not—than the descendants within the Jewish community, the Levites, and the sons of Aaron, they are the ones who have preserved the Word. Do you believe that? *Of course, you do!*

Likewise with the calendar, God gave the calculations to the Levites and to the priests, *no one else*. They are found within the Jewish community. People look upon them as Jews, in spite of all of their traditions.

- Do you believe in God?
- Do you believe God is faithful?
- Do you believe that God is able to make them preserve it for us?
- How can we keep the Sabbath and Holy Days of God if they didn’t preserve it correctly?

Though they themselves may use it incorrectly. We believe God and know that that is true.

Furthermore, for 54 years I have verified the Calculated Hebrew Calendar faithfully every year:

On the 15th day of the 1st month and the 15th day of the 7th month there is to be a full moon. There has always been a full moon by the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. Is it correct? *Yes, indeed!*

There were some people who kept the Passover a day early and the first day of Unleavened Bread a day early, and *there was not a full moon on that day early of their calendar 15th!* It was 94% waxing, and that always happens on the 14th. So, if you confuse your days, start with the wrong day, you are going to be off.

All of those who have alternate calendars, you show me where *you have the authority from God* that is differentiated and different from the authority that God Himself gave to those He gave to preserve the Calculated Hebrew Calendar: the Levites and the priests, within the Jewish community. You show me where God came to you and gave you that authority. If you cannot and you don’t believe in God, **go**, keep your own calendar someplace else in your own self-righteousness and God’s judgment will be upon you.

Some people may say that’s kind of strong. What do you think God is going to say to them at the resurrection? ‘Come here, tell Me, who gave you that authority?’

That’s why God has preserved His Word. It’s not by accident that every wrong translation, that every alteration of the Scriptures themselves has been documented, so that if anyone truly wants to know, they can find the Truth. ***You must prove all things!***

- first, you must believe God and be faithful to Him
- next, you must be willing and obedient
- next, you must have the strength of God’s Spirit to hold fast to that which is true

Let’s follow this in Isaiah 28, because of the waywardness of Ephraim. I just got an article that one of the leading religious figures in the Church of England says that England is a post-Christian nation.

Concerning Ephraim, Isaiah 28:3: “The crown of pride... [Is that not true?] ...the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trampled under foot.” Those who are going to do that, they willingly welcomed in to their realm. They are the Muslims, the descendants of Esau, your own relatives.

Verse 4: “And the glorious beauty, on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the first ripe fruit before summer; which the beholder of it swallows up while it is yet in his hand.”

This is talking about the Church, v 5: “In that day the LORD of hosts shall be for a crown of glory,

and for a diadem of beauty, for the remnant of His people.” We are the remnant. You can read that in the Isa. 1.

Verse 6: “And for a spirit of judgment to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate. But they also stagger through wine... [false doctrine] ...and reel through strong drink. The priest and the prophet stagger through drink; they are confused by wine...” (vs 6-7). Who holds the golden cup of the wine of her fornication? *Straight from the wine vats of the Vatican!*

“...they reel through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgment, for all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness; no place *is* clean” (vs 7-8). Doesn’t that describe the world today? *Yes, indeed!* In the midst of all of this, God asked:

Verse 9: “Whom shall He teach knowledge?... [Who is going to listen?] ...And whom shall He make to understand doctrine?...” He has to give you the understanding for doctrine by His Spirit as you study, as you are faithful, as you are loving, as you are obedient. Doctrine doesn’t come any other way. The greatest minds in the world do not understand the Bible and they exchange it for the lie. Who is He going to trust?

“...*Those* who are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breasts” (v 9). That means you have a basic understanding of the Truths of God. To grow in grace and knowledge you have to at least have a certain foundation to start.

Here is how He does it, v 10: “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept... [rightly dividing the Word of God] ...line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.” That means *you have to go search out everything*. You do not avoid any Scripture. You *do not assume* that what has been translated is correct. *Strong’s Concordance* is not the place to solve all doctrinal problems. You get *Strong’s Concordance* and you start using it, pretty soon people think, ‘I really understand.’

- Have you studied Greek?
- Have you studied Hebrew?
- Do you understand?
- Do you understand it correctly?

I used *Strong’s Concordance* a lot when I was a new student at AC (Ambassador College) and when I was a minister I used it a lot. But after a while I began to see there’s got to be more to it than that. You look up a certain word in Greek and here is a paragraph giving the definition. It means this, plus this, minus this, add this to it; it means the other thing, and lo and behold, for verbs and participles it

is as useless as a long string of spaghetti in pulling a wagon. With verbs:

- you must know what it is
- you must know the tense
- you must know the person
- you must know the voice

Likewise with participles. It’s not a simple matter of present, past and future. There are various things with it. That’s why I didn’t start translating the New Testament until I had studied the Greek in detail for 17 years. I had to do it with this attitude. I had to do it with this kind of way of understanding it. Here a little; there a little.

Verse 11: “For with stammering lips and foreign tongue He will speak to this people.” That answers the question why God did not preserve the New Testament in Hebrew. By the way, I’m going to give a real nice one on sacred names: Who gave you the authority to add it to the New Testament?

If you speak Hebrew and you have a Hebrew New Testament translated from the Greek, because there was no New Testament written in Hebrew, and the sacred names are there, because of the Hebrew, then that is just fine.

Let me just challenge you. Any sacred-namer out there who hears this or watched this or listens to it, you show me from the New Testament any other name of God the Father that was revealed by Jesus Christ than ‘the Father.’ If you cannot show that, then you are presumptuous and bringing upon a seeming doctrine of God, which is only a doctrine of men, into the New Testament. What you are doing is causing confusion for your own vanity. That’s how serious changing doctrine is. God is going to hold them all accountable.

Here’s what happens, v 12: “To whom He said, ‘This is the rest He gives to the weary,’ and ‘This is the refreshing,’... [God’s Word, *His* way] ...yet, they were not willing to hear.”

Here’s what happens. What does it say about the Word of God. ***‘The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, cutting even to asunder, dividing soul and spirit and bones and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.’***

So, look at how it works here, if you do not divide the Word of God correctly, the way that it should be, according to how He has shown. What does the Word of the Lord become to those people? Or if you are involved, to you? And beware! It will come! Just like the young man that spoke to Randy and he said, ‘I no longer believe these things.’

Verse 13: “So then, the Word of the LORD was to them precept upon precept, precept upon

precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little... [it works the opposite] ...that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken and snared and taken.” And we can add: *captive by Satan the devil!*

Verse 14: “Therefore, hear the Word of the LORD, you scornful men who rule this people in Jerusalem. Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death...’” (vs 14-15). Wonder what the Skull and Bones Society is all about, and other things like that?

“...and we have made an agreement with the grave; when the overwhelming rod shall pass through, it shall not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood” (v 15). Amazing—isn’t it?

We have an administration today that for the government, isn’t that what they do? When finally some of the truth comes out, finally came out, they’ve been lying, *lying*, **lying!** How about in Christianity? The Christianity of this world uses the name of Jesus, uses some of the Word of God and it is a lie, *lie*, **lie!** You are worshiping Satan the devil and you are not worshiping God. Satan the devil is able to give you enough benefits because he controls this world to make you think that you’re getting blessings from God, but they are not. It’s all going to catch up. It’s going to catch up with everybody.

Sometimes you think that if you go over these things once, everybody is going to learn them, but they don’t. It’s amazing! These things come like waves and like cycles, and they all return back. While Paul was still alive, even before the Apostle John died, and of course when he died, they had a heyday, discounting and rejecting the Truth of God.

After saying rightly dividing the Word of Truth, 2-Timothy 2:16: But avoid profane and vain babblings... [*Those are opinions*. ‘I believe this, I believe that.’] ...because they will *only* give rise to more ungodliness.” *A little leaven leavens the whole lump!*

Verse 17: “And their words will eat away at the body like gangrene; of whom are Hymeneus and Philetus, Who have gone astray from the Truth, claiming that the resurrection has already taken place...” (vs 17-18). Isn’t that what they have done with the immortality of the soul? Jesus was resurrected.

Have you ever tried to hear their explanation: their soul is in heaven and then they try and preach about the resurrection after that. Have you ever seen their explanation? How do you get the soul in heaven back with the body that’s buried on the earth? How is there a resurrection?

Look at this; they are not yet 40 years from the resurrection. “...and are destroying the faith of some. Nevertheless, the foundation of God stands firm, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His’... [that’s why these separations come] ...and, ‘Let everyone who calls upon the name of Christ depart from unrighteousness’” (vs 18-19).

Let’s look at some of what is called *leaven*. Let’s come back here to the doctrine of the Pharisees. Did the Pharisees think they were right? *But of course!* Did they assume things they should never have assumed? *Yes, they did!* That’s why Matt. 23 reads what Jesus said, ‘They have seated themselves in Moses’ seat.’ He’s telling the people that God never put them there, but ‘if they read from the Scriptures you follow what they say, but don’t do what they do,’ because there’s a difference.

Here’s where they didn’t bring bread. Matthew 16:6: “And Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out, and **be on guard** against the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.’” At that time they didn’t understand what He was saying.

Verse 7: “Then they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘*It is* because we did not take bread.’ But when Jesus knew *this*, He said to them, ‘O *you* of little faith, why are you reasoning among yourselves that *it is* because you did not bring bread? Do you still not understand? *Do you* not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took *up*?... [that must have been quite an experience; just picture that] ...Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took *up*? How is it that you do not understand that I was not speaking of bread *when I told* you to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees?’ Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine... [teachings] ...of the Pharisees and Sadducees” (vs 7-12).

‘Establishment Judaism’ controls everything with their traditions, false teachings; same thing today. ‘Establishment Christianity’ with Sunday and the holidays and the pope and the Protestants claim they are right, but they are so full of leaven and rotteness that God is going to judge them *very* severely.

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Please understand, as I said, I’m not angry at you. I am angry at those people *who brazenly want to change the Word of God and change the Truth* for their own pet doctrines or for the doctrines of the Sadducees and Pharisees. Or for the doctrines of Protestantism; or for the doctrines of Catholicism. ***The Bible is the Word of God.*** It has recorded what He has spoken, so ***we must follow and obey the***

voice of God. We can't deal with people who twist and turn the Scriptures.

2-Timothy 2:21: "Therefore, if anyone has purged himself from these..." That includes all of the false things leading up to this: false doctrines, personal sins. All of those must be set aside. God is the *heart-knowing* God. God knows what's in the minds of people, but He is merciful, He is kind and He is understanding. But He is not going to deal with them unless they seek Him. That has to be

- in spirit
- in truth
- in love
- in meekness
- in obedience.

That has to be, for anyone who is a teacher, ***you must stand for the Truth!*** You must ***prove the Truth!*** We are not to be double-minded and be as those who are driven by the wind.

"...purged himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, having been sanctified and *made* serviceable to the Master, *and* having been prepared for every good work" (vs 21). But follow along with what he says here. 2-Tim. 2, 3 & 4 are all connected.

Verse 22: "But flee youthful lusts; and pursue... [these are the goals] ...righteousness... [the righteousness of God; the commandments of God; the Truth of God] ...faith... [rather than doubt] ...love... [true love: love of God, love of brethren] ...*and* peace with those who are calling on the Lord out of a pure heart."

- What about those who call on the Lord without a pure heart?
- What about those who feign serving the Lord, but have brazened their conscience?

Verse 23: "But foolish and ignorant speculations reject... [and expose] ...knowing that they engender arguments." Isn't that true? Every one of those things!

Verse 24: "Now it is obligatory *that* a servant of the Lord not be argumentative, but gentle toward all, competent to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting those who set themselves in opposition..." (vs 24-25). We are dealing with people that you don't deal in meekness with anymore, because these things have been gone over and over again.

"...if perhaps God may grant them repentance unto acknowledging of *the* Truth, and *that* they may wake up *and* escape from the devil's snare... [Whose grips are they in?] ...who have been taken captive by him to *do* his will" (vs 25-26).

2-Timothy 3:1: "Know this also, that in the last days... [Are we living in the last days?] ...perilous times shall come." Are there perilous times? *Yes, indeed*, everywhere.

Verse 2: "For men will be lovers of self... [Just watch television. That's what it's all about.] ...lovers of money, braggarts, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, despisers of those who are good" (vs 2-3). "Oh, you believe in the Bible?" *God's going to take care of you a little later!*

Verse 4: "Betrayers, reckless, egotistical, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; having an outward appearance of Godliness, but denying the power of *true* Godliness. But *as for you*, turn away from *all* these" (vs 4-5). You don't keep company with them.

Verse 6: "For from *men such as* these come those who are worming their way into houses, and are gaining control over empty-headed *gullible* women given over to *various* sins, *being* driven by all kinds of lusts. *They are* always learning but *are* never able to come to *the* knowledge of *the* Truth. Now just as Jannes and Jambres stood against Moses, in the same manner also ***these are brazenly standing against the Truth...***" (vs 6-8). Isn't that what they are doing? *Yes, indeed!*

"...*they are* men of depraved minds, reprobate in respect to the faith. But they will proceed no further..." (vs 8-9). At this time Paul didn't realize how long it was going to be until the return of Christ and how much this would be recycled over and over again.

"...because their folly will become clearly evident to everyone... [in the church when you know the Truth] ...just as theirs also was. But ***you have closely followed my doctrine***, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions and sufferings..." (vs 9-11).

You go back and read what Paul went through, especially 2-Cor. 11. You think your life is difficult? *Just try three of them!*

1. beaten 3 times with 40 stripes
 2. stoned and left for dead; a day
 3. a night in the deep, clinging to some piece of timber, waiting to be rescued
- How has your life been? *Very mild compared to that!*
 - How many trials have you come across that are difficult? *I'm sure all of us come across some that are difficult!*
 - What is the greatest thing that we have to fight today?
✓ lies and false doctrine

- ✓ forgetfulness where God says *remember*
- ✓ lukewarmness
- ✓ putting people before God, rather than serving God
- ✓ counting being right with God, if you go to church and all your friends are there

Yet, they are preaching things from the pulpit that are not true. Where do you stand with God? Isn't that a great battle to fight? Think of it! Somehow when real desperate things come, you have enough strength to fight those, but these subtle things that massage you along, that they subtly put clamps on you. Such as in one congregation where they're starting to bring out some of these false doctrines. 'Do not speak evil of dignitaries' and we the ministers are the dignitaries over you. It is subtle!

Then it talks about all Scripture is God-breathed to equip us for every good work, v 16: "All Scripture *is* God-breathed and *is* profitable for doctrine... [which we are to guard] ...for conviction..."—because when you really believe and understand the Truth, you have conviction. You're not wishy-washy.

"...for correction..." (v 16). The Word of God corrects us. That's why He's given all of the Word of God. You read the book of Jeremiah all the way through, and if you're not convicted of your own sins just from reading that of the sins of what Judah and Israel were doing and think, do you want God to do this to you?

"...for instruction in righteousness so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work" (vs 16-17).

Here is what he sums up for Timothy, 2-Timothy 4:1: "**I charge you...** [that's pretty strong] ...therefore, in the sight of God, even the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is ready to judge *the* living and *the* dead at His appearing and His kingdom. **Preach the Word!**... [the Word of God; don't preach anything else] ...**Be urgent...** [not lukewarm] ...**in season and out of season; convict, rebuke, encourage, with all patience and doctrine**" (vs 1-2).

Here's the cycle that comes along. We've already lived through one of those—haven't we? Another one is coming. Just like a wave. When a wave comes, another one's not too far behind. And another one's not too far behind that.

Verse 3: "For there shall come a time when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but according to their own lusts they shall accumulate to themselves *a great number of teachers...* [filled with ideas] ...having ears itching to *hear what satisfies their cravings.*" What will it do?

Verse 4: "And they shall turn away their own ears from the Truth... [Don't want to hear it. Like the young man said, 'I don't believe it any longer.] ...and they shall be turned aside unto myths. But *as for you*, be vigilant in all things, endure hardships, do *the* work of an evangelist; fully carry out your ministry" (vs 4-5). This is Paul's good-bye letter to Timothy—'they are going to get me.'

Pentecost, Passover & Days of Unleavened Bread:

I want to cover something concerning Pentecost and the Days of Unleavened Bread. I want to prove a point to you. All of those of you who still mistakenly believe in a Monday Pentecost, you better listen up, because *you are staunchly following the error of a man!* Think on this for a minute: If you have a Monday Pentecost, do you have parts of weeks? *Yes, you do!* You have one part of six days and one part of one day. Pray tell, when you get to day 49 and 50 how is that day 49 a Sabbath, when that day 49 is a Sunday? Do you agree with Sunday-keeping of the Protestants? The first day of the week God never made Holy, except for Pentecost.

You show me on any calendar where Monday is the next day after a Sabbath. If you can, then you can prove a Monday Pentecost. Let's see about the wave sheaf. This is why we sent out 2 books in our mailing: *Count to Pentecost* and *Understanding God's Command for the Wave Sheaf*.

Leviticus 23:15: "And you shall count to you **beginning with...**" Not the morrow after. The morrow after is correct if you count inclusively. But if you don't, you make an error.

"...beginning with the next day after **the Sabbath...**" (v 15). All Holy Days are called 'Shabbat,' which means *a* Sabbath. 'Ha Shabbat' is *the Sabbath*. That refers only to the weekly Sabbath.

What is the next day *after* the weekly Sabbath? Monday? Another grave error with a Monday Pentecost is this: If you don't count the first day of the week, the day after the weekly Sabbath, *you are excluding the day that Christ ascended to the Father!*

- You feel comfortable in doing that?
- Are you going to tell God that day doesn't count?

Too many of these cases are now beyond reasoning with, but I'm still reasoning with you most emphatically so that you can redeem yourself from your error.

"...beginning with the next day after the Sabbath, beginning with the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **seven Sabbaths shall be complete**" (v 15). Some of them read 'seven weeks,'

but each week that ends in a Sabbath is called a *week*. When you have seven days that are not a week, they are called *seven days*. I'll show you in just a minute.

Verse 16: "Even unto the day after the seventh Sabbath you shall number fifty days...."

Let's look at two feasts that have seven days. You can get out any calendar. Remember what we had this year. We had the weekly Sabbath and then at sundown on Sunday was Passover. At sundown on Monday was the First Day of Unleavened Bread, which then is Monday night and Tuesday. Seven days of Unleavened Bread. Show me one place in the Bible where it ever says 'one week of Unleavened Bread.' Does not show that.

How about the Feast of Tabernacles? *It's seven days!* Rarely is it a full week. Rarely is the Feast of Unleavened Bread a full week. That's why God uses weeks to determine the *full weeks* in counting for Pentecost and He uses the first day of the week during Unleavened Bread as the day to begin the count. When Passover is on a Sabbath, and as we show in the New Testament, the Passover Day is called *the day of the unleavened*! Passover Day by necessity is a unleavened bread day, even if you don't believe it is regularly an unleavened bread day, it is when it comes to the Sabbath day being the Passover. That means that Sunday is the Wave Sheaf Offering Day when the Passover is on a Sabbath. That is the only time that the Feast of Unleavened Bread is a full week. But never is it called 'the week of Unleavened Bread.' It is called the Feasts of Unleavened Bread for *seven days*.

Notice the Feast of Tabernacles, v 34: "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles **for seven days** to the LORD.'" Why? *Because you have parts of two weeks!* You never count partial weeks as a week.

If I took this quarter and clipped it and said, 'Here's 25-cents. I want to buy this candy bar.' *I can't take it because it's not whole!* 'Well, I've got the other piece over here.' I do have two quarters. Two quarters equal half a dollar. Four quarters equal a dollar. So if you have a dollar bill and it's cut a fourth off, what if it's cut in two? Now what are you going to do? Because there are some days that it is, when the First Day of Unleavened Bread is on a Thursday and the Last Day of Unleavened Bread is on a Wednesday. Same way with the Feast of Tabernacles. Once in a great while you will have a whole from Sabbath through Sabbath, eight days, but that's not called a week, because the Feast (including the Last Great Day) is eight days long.

So here it is, the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, v 35: "On the first day shall be a Holy

convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein*. Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire..." (vs 35-36). Etc.

Verse 38: "Besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD. Also, in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a Feast to the LORD seven days...." (vs 38-39). Not a week.

So when it says seven Sabbath, seven weeks, it means *weeks*. That phrase means *whole weeks*. Anyone who believes in a Monday Pentecost or a Sivan 6 Pentecost **does not have seven full weeks**—period! Who made the seven days for a week? *God did!*

It's very clear here, Deuteronomy 16:9: "You shall count seven weeks to yourselves. Begin to count the seven weeks... [not days—weeks] ...from the time you *first* began to *put* the sickle to the grain. And you shall keep the Feast of **Weeks** to the LORD..." (vs 9-10).

First of all, we want to cover the Passover and the First Day of Unleavened Bread, because the Jews keep the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread as Passover and call all the seven days of Unleavened Bread, plus an extra day, as Passover. Why do they do that?

1. it's incorrect
2. they have rejected Christ
so they do not acknowledge that Jesus kept a 14th Passover
3. they do not accept that domestic-sacrificed lambs were done during the days of Jesus
or any time after the temple was set up

When you read in Lev. 23 it says on the 14th day of the first month is the Passover. On the 15th day is the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The way they justify putting them together is that morning can also mean night. That's what the Jews did.

If you do not have my paper {Article: *Passover in the Bible and the Church Today* from which I started writing *The Christian Passover* book, the paper by Lester Grabbe and Robert Kuhn, who was and still is a synagogue-attending Jew, who came and started bringing Jewish doctrines into the Church. Remember the first thing they attack is the Passover.

When you read the New Testament, Jesus sent two of His disciples to go into Jerusalem, because it was obvious they were killing the domestic lambs, because the disciples didn't know anything about the Passover, they were walking to Jerusalem. So, they said, 'Lord, where do you want to keep the Passover?'

He sent two disciples and said, ‘Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him to the temple and pick up the lamb and go where he is going.’ **NO!** Because at the time Jesus sent them, and it was the Passover Day, the 14th day, they were not sacrificing any Passover lambs at the temple. That was normally done in the afternoon, but in the day that Jesus died, it was dark from noon to three.

What happened when Jesus died? *That big lintel which held the veil in front of the temple*, a huge stone weighing tons. An angel, I am sure, took his hand and broke it in two and that whole thing crumbled down. It was then impossible to offer any lambs for the Passover that afternoon.

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? ‘Go into Jerusalem, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him to the house that he goes in to and say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says...’ that there is the room there for them to keep the Passover. ‘He will show you a room, a large room furnished. There prepare.’

Do you suppose that God also had the master of the house kill the lamb? have that already roasting when they were coming in? Sunset means *sunset*. Between the two evenings means *from sunset until dark* and that’s when they were to kill the Passover lamb.

Here is where the confusion comes and where the Jews like to say, ‘God forbid!’ and got rid of all domestic Passover sacrifices. There is a sleight of hand. There is a difference in the Hebrew wording between Passover *sacrifice* and a Passover *offering*.

This was one of the first keys in answering the question: Was it the 14th or 15th that the Passover lamb was killed? What were the commands that they should do for the Passover lamb in Exo. 12? *Select out a lamb on the 10th!* You keep it *until*, not all the way through the day, until the 14th and kill it between the two evenings, *between sunset and dark*. I’m sure as soon as the sun went down they did it.

- Did He say select a calf from the herd?
- Or a lamb from the goats and sheep?
- Did He give them an option? *No! A lamb!*
- Is Jesus called the ‘calf’ of God, that takes away the sin of the world? *No! He is called the Lamb of God!*
- What does this really mean?

Deuteronomy 16:1: “Keep the month of Abib, and observe the Passover to the LORD your God.... [Period! Stop! New sentence!]: ...For in the month of Abib, the LORD your God brought you forth out of Egypt by night.” What night was that? The 15th. Where were they on the night of the 14th?

In their houses! That’s why they have to say night is also morning in order to fudge.

Verse 2: “And you shall therefore sacrifice the Passover offering...” This was done on the day portion of the Passover, after they had kept the Passover at night.

“...to the LORD your God, of the flock and the herd...” (v 2). It cannot be the Passover for the Passover. This is a Passover offering prepared on the day portion of the Passover. For what purpose?

“...in the place which the LORD shall choose to place His name there.... [that was the temple] ...You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it...” (vs 2-3). *The offerings!* Only one day you were to offer the Passover lamb. Could they have other offerings during the week and eat unleavened bread with those offerings? *Yes!* But not with the Passover lamb, because what had to happen with any of the remains? You couldn’t keep it for seven days, you had to burn it by morning.

Also peace offerings, you have to eat it the same day. That’s what they offered. They offered peace offerings of thanksgiving for the redemption of the firstborn. They offered those during the day portion of the Passover and at night for the Night to Be Much Observed, they ate it. I want you to carefully note this: ***The Passover pictures when God passed over the houses of the children of Israel!*** The first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures ***when they left Egypt!*** Read this carefully:

“...the bread of affliction, for you came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste, so that you may remember the day that you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life” (v 3). They did not come out on the 14th, but only the 15th. These are instructions for the offerings on the 15th, not the 14th.

Verse 4: “And there shall be no leaven seen with you in all your borders for seven days. Nor shall *any* of the flesh, which you sacrificed in the first day at sunset remain all night until the morning. You may not sacrifice the Passover offering within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you” (vs 4-5).

So the Jews say, ‘Okay, the Passover was changed and here it is, it’s on the 15th.’ But the Passover *sacrifice* could be offered in the homes.

Verse 6: “But at the place which the LORD your God shall choose to place His name in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover offering at sunset, at the going *down* of the sun, at the time that you came out of Egypt.” Not when He passed over the houses of Israel and killed the firstborn of the Egyptians, man and beast.

Most translations universally mistranslate this as ‘roast,’ v 7. “‘And **you shall boil**... [Exo. 12 says you shall **roast** it with its head, with its pertinents; you shall **not boil** it in water or seethe it. God is commanding it to boil it. Other offerings could be boiled.

“...and eat *it* in the place which the LORD your God shall choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents” (v 7). Why? *Because they stayed up all night, the Night to Be Much Observed, and went back to their tents in the morning!* After you do that on the first day, what do you have left?

Verse 8: “Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. And on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD your God...” Let’s make sure we understand that.

Difference between sacrifice and offering:

Let’s see the difference between *the sacrifice* and *the offering*. If you don’t have *The Christian Passover* book, you need to write for it. If you have any doubt about some of the deception that is coming down the pike to change the Passover to the 15th, that’s the first step to get you away from it. Then they call the Passover the ‘Lord’s Supper.’ If you have any question about it, you write for the Passover book. We’ll send it to you free of charge.

Exodus 12:21: “Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them...” He’s giving them the instructions to pass on to all the Israelites wherever they were in Goshen.

“...‘Draw out and take a lamb... [Does it say ‘or a calf’? *No!*] ...for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood *that is* in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood in the bowl. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until sunrise” (vs 21-22)—‘boqer’ *sunrise*, translated *morning*.

Since they didn’t have cell phones with clocks and they didn’t have clocks on the walls and they didn’t have wrist clocks, God gave everyone—even the most simple-minded can understand this—stay in your house until sunrise. You’re looking out, it’s dark, it’s dark, it’s dark—it’s starting to get light. Wait a little longer, it’s not sunrise, yet.

Verse 23: “For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. And you shall observe this thing as a law to you and to your children forever” (vs 23-24).

God never changed the Passover from the 14th to the 15th. Jesus kept the Passover on the 14th, called the Passover by Himself. He was crucified on the 14th, called the Passover itself.

Verse 25: “And it shall be when you have come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as He has promised that you shall keep this service. And it will be, when your children shall say to you, ‘What *does* this service *mean* to you?’ Then you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’S Passover...’” (vs 25-27)—not the offering. There is a difference between a Passover *sacrifice* and a Passover *offering*. Notice the reason for it. Not because we left Egypt, not because God took us out by night; that was the next night.

“...‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’S Passover, Who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our houses’...” (v 27). What happened? *They didn’t leave their houses!* That was *to spare the firstborn*. All subsequent firstborn had to be *redeemed*.

Here’s the command, Exodus 13:2: “Sanctify all the firstborn to Me, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, of man and of beast. *It is Mine.*”

Then He says right after He says to sanctify the firstborn, v 3: “And Moses said to the people, ‘Remember this day in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for the LORD brought you out from this place by the strength of His hand. There shall be no leavened bread eaten. On this day you are going out, in the month Abib’” (vs 3-4). Which is the day after the 14th or the 15th. Came out by night. Eat unleavened bread seven days.

Verse 10: “You shall therefore keep this law in its season from year to year. And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and shall give it to you, ou shall set apart to the LORD all that opens the womb, and every firstborn that comes of any animal which you have; the males *shall be* the LORD’S” (vs 10-12). What were they offering on the day portion of the Passover preparing for the Night to Be Much Observed? *Redemption of the firstborn!*

Verse 13: “And every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck...” That’s kind of a severe punishment—isn’t it? It’s like saying: ‘Oh, you’ve got a nice little car out here. If you don’t give an offering to God on it, I’m going to send a steamroller and roll it over,’ to put it in today’s terminology. What is a dead jackass worth anyway?

“...And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem” (v 13). With what? A lamb? A calf! They could offer a calf here. He doesn’t say with a lamb.

Verse 14: “And it shall be when your sons asks you... [notice the difference between the children asking about the Passover and this]: ...in time to come, saying, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘The LORD brought us out of Egypt by the strength of His hand...’” What day did He bring them out? *The 15th*! What was the day that they offered these, beginning on the 14th and eating them on the 15th to celebrate the fact that they got out from the house of bondage?

These are the commanded sacrifices that God gave to the priests and the Levites to sacrifice at the temple. First one is the morning and evening sacrifice, Numbers 28:4: “The one lamb you shall offer at sunrise, and the other lamb you shall offer between the two evenings.” Then it says what to do with it. Besides a continual burnt offering, then they were to do these other things, the drink offerings, etc.

Verse 9: “And on the Sabbath Day... [a Holy day] ...two lambs of the first year without blemish and two tenth parts of flour *for* a grain offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering; *This is* the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering. And in the beginning of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish” (vs 9-11)—and everything that they had with that.

Verse 15, also on the first day of the month: “And one kid of the goats for a sin offering to the LORD shall be prepared, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. And **in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover to the LORD**” (vs 15-16).

Bring all your offerings to the temple. ***NO!*** *Not one offering was commanded to be at the temple on the Passover Day, other than the morning and evening sacrifice.* That was it! No other offering! So, when it says Passover offering, these are the sacrifices that were done on the day portion of the Passover to observe the Night to Be Much Observed.

- the Passover means that God passed over their houses on midnight of the 14th
- they left Egypt at the beginning of the 15th and left by night

That is the clear difference.

We explain much more in *The Christian Passover* book, because it’s nearly 500 pages long. The reason it is, is because there are so many terrible

beliefs concerning the Passover, the Eucharist, what the Jews believe, what the Catholics believe, what the Protestants believe, what the Mormons believe. Some people can say, ‘Hooray, at least we are Buddhists; all we have to do is meditate.’

Please excuse me for being so vociferous in this, but there comes a time when it must be stated the way that it is.

We’re going to guard the doctrine of God and the Truth! There comes a time when it must be stated the way that it is!

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