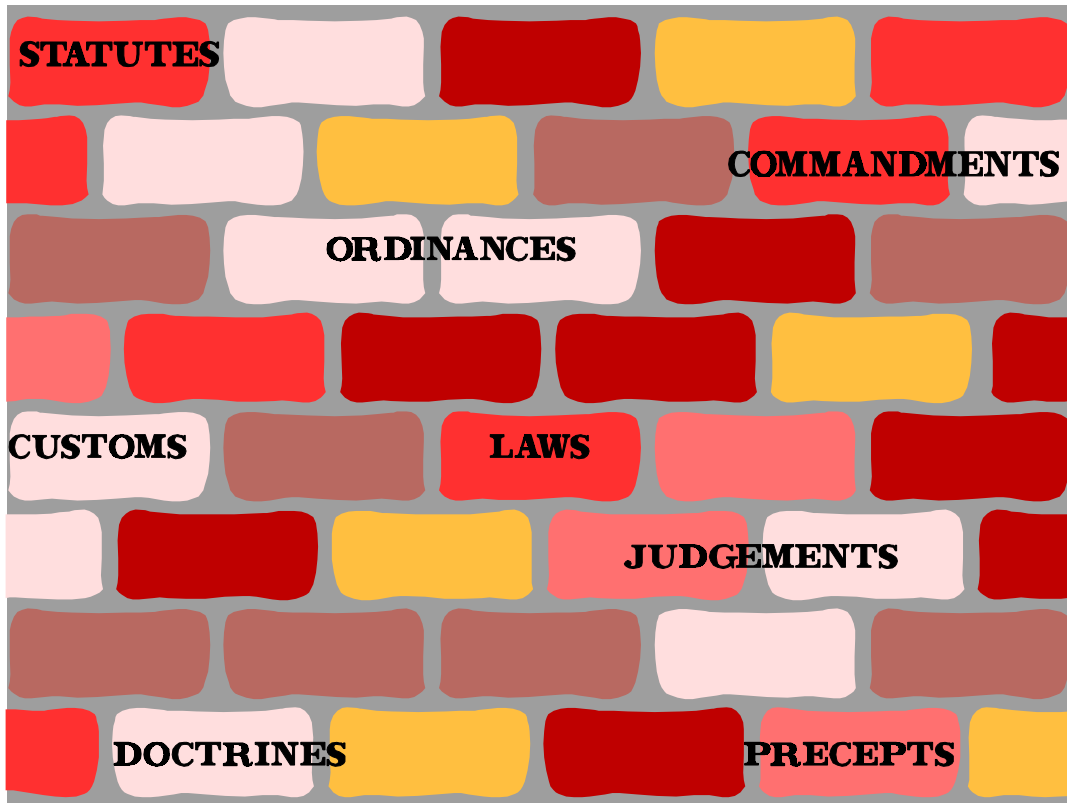


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***A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ***

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### INTRODUCTION:

#### WHERE DO TRADITIONS COME FROM?

The “Traditions of Men” seem to come from a normal rationalization, by people who want to keep the positive things that have happened in their life, as guidelines for the future.

An example is in sports. Whenever a team is winning, what is working for them at that time becomes a “Tradition”. This is so that what has contributed to that success may continue in the future. Traditions can consist of certain methods, people, places, objects, times, clothing, how we dress, grooming, movement, etc.

This phenomenon may be brought about by either the players or the coaches. The problem is, not all teams or people are alike, so soon these “Traditions” can become burdens, and eventually become idols. Also, times change, so things can become outdated: however, with God nothing changes, so “Within the Church”, only the ‘Traditions of Men’ are changeable. (Hebrews 13:8)

As individuals in the Church, how we dress, what we wear, how we are groomed, etc. are just some of the “Traditions” we can get caught up in. However, the Lord looks not at the outward appearance, but at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

As the Church itself, we can get caught up in ‘Traditions’ such as the type of Service we have, the music, the order of the Service, the length of time, etc.

As a church grows, these Traditions often cause Pride and Arrogance, which the Lord hates. (Proverbs 6:16, 17 8:13)

Sometimes we can get caught up in the *things* of the church, and miss entirely what God has called us to do.

Church *things* are very important, but they edify us and should not be a substitute for service to others.

An example in the Bible of following the misguided “Traditions of Men” within the Church was Paul; who followed the “Traditions of Men” (the Jews) with zeal.

He thought what he was doing was for God, but after getting Saved, he realized what he was doing was wrong. (Acts 22:3, 4, 19, 20 Acts 26:5 Romans 10:2-4)

We as Christians can fall into the same patterns. Sometimes what seems like a ‘good’ thing, may not always be a ‘God’ thing !

Another example in the Bible of what God started for good, that turned into a 'Tradition' and eventually into an idol, is in (Numbers 21:4-9).

Moses made a 'serpent of brass' and put it upon a pole, because God told him to do it. When the people were bitten by a serpent, if they looked at the 'serpent of brass' they would live.

Later in (2 Kings 18:1-4), Hezekiah broke in pieces the 'brassen serpent' that Moses had made. He did it because the children of Israel were burning incense to it though 'Tradition' and eventually it had become an idol. However, Hezekiah said it is nothing but a 'piece of brass', and destroyed it.

Maybe today we need to 'break in pieces' some of our church idols that we have come to worship through the "Traditions of Men". (Hebrews 9:24)

AMEN !!

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### I. WHAT ARE TRADITIONS ?

(According to the Dictionary)

#### TRADITION:

The handling down of knowledge, beliefs, and customs from one generation to another. A belief or custom so taught. Anything handed down from the past and so strongly rooted as to be as inviolable as law.

#### TRADITIONALIST:

One who believes in or follows tradition, esp. tradition supposed to be of divine origin.

#### TRADITIONIST:

One who helps preserve traditions.

(In the Bible - in the Greek)

**3862 paradosis** (par-ad'-os-is);

from 3860; transmission, i.e. (concretely) a precept; specifically, the Jewish traditional law:

KJV-- ordinance, tradition.

### II. THE TRADITIONS OF MEN VS GOD:

The following Scriptures show how “The Traditions of Men” oppose the Commandments of God.

**Matt 15:1-9** (Mark 7: 1-13)

- 1 **Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees**, which were of Jerusalem, **saying**,
- 2 **Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?** for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
- 3 **But he answered** and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?**
- 4 **For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother:** and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
- 5 **But ye say**, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, **It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;**
- 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. **Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.**

7 **Ye hypocrites**, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,  
 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.  
 9 **But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

Paul persecuted the (Christian) church of God by following the “Traditions” of the Jews.

#### **Gal 1:13-14**

13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past **in the Jews' religion**, how that beyond measure **I persecuted the church of God**, and wasted it:  
 14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, **being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.**

A warning to beware of ‘The Traditions of Men’.

#### **Col 2:8-10**

8 **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, **and not after Christ.**  
 9 **For in him** dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.  
 10 **And ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

We are not Redeemed or Saved through “The Traditions of Men”, but through the blood of Jesus Christ.

#### **1 Pet 1:18-19**

18 **Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things**, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation **received by tradition from your fathers**;  
 19 **But with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

### **III. WHAT ARE DOCTRINES?**

(According to the Dictionary)

#### **DOCTRINE :**

The principles or dogma of any branch of knowledge, esp. of a sect or party. A belief held or taught. A doctrine is any body of teachings offered to others as true and practicable. Dogma is doctrine presented with authority, esp. laid down by the authority of a church. A tenet is a doctrine held to as true.

(In the Bible - in the Greek)

1322 **didache** (did-akh-ay');  
 from 1321; instruction (the act or the matter):

KJV-- doctrine, hath been taught.

1319 **didaskalia** (did-as-kal-ee'-ah);  
from 1320; instruction (the function or the information):  
KJV-- doctrine, learning, teaching.

#### **IV. THE DOCTRINES OF MEN VS GOD:**

The following Scriptures show how “The Doctrines of Men” oppose the Commandments of God.

##### **Matt 15:9**

9 But in vain they do worship me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

##### **Matt 16:12**

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not **beware** of the leaven of bread, but **of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.**

##### **Eph 4:14**

14 That we henceforth **be no more children**, tossed to and fro, and **carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men**, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

##### **Heb 13:9**

9 **Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.** For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

The “Doctrines of Man” will perish.

##### **Col 2:22**

22 Which all are to **perish** with the using;) **after the commandments and doctrines of men?**

The Book of Revelation warns us of these “Doctrines of Men”.

##### **Rev 2:14-15**

14 **But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there** them that hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15 **So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate.

##### **Rev 2:20**

20 **Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, **to teach and to seduce** my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

**Rev 2:23-24**

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, **as many as have not this doctrine**, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; **I will put upon you none other burden.**

**V. DOCTRINES OF DEVILS:**

The “Doctrine of devils” (demons), can and do influence the “Traditions of Men”. If not dealt with, these ‘seducing spirits’ will eventually cause a departure from the Faith. These ‘seducing spirits’ must be “loosed”. (Read the Study Guide on “Demons” by Timothy II)

**1 Tim 4:1**

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to** seducing spirits, and **doctrines of devils;**

**VI. SOUND DOCTRINE:**

The following Scriptures describe some general areas of “Sound Doctrine”.

**Acts 2:42**

42 **And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**2 Tim 3:16**

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**2 Tim 4:3**

3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;** but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

**Titus 2:1**

1 **But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:**

**II Jn 1:9-10**

9 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.**

10 **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house**, neither bid him God speed:

**VII. WHAT ARE COMMANDMENTS?**

(According to the Dictionary)



**COMMANDMENT:**

An order. One of the Ten Commandments.

(In the Bible - in the Greek)

**1297 diatagma** (dee-at'-ag-mah);  
from 1299; an arrangement, i.e. (authoritative) edict:  
KJV-- commandment.

**1785 entole** (en-tol-ay');  
from 1781; injunction, i.e. an authoritative prescription:  
KJV-- commandment, precept.

**1778 entalma** (en'-tal-mah);  
from 1781; an injunction, i.e. religious precept:  
KJV-- commandment.

**2003 epitage** (ep-ee-tag-ay');  
from 2004; an injunction or decree; by implication, authoritativeness:  
KJV-- authority, commandment.

**VIII. THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN VS. GOD:**

The following Scriptures show how “The Commandments of Men” oppose God.

**Matt 15:9**

9 But in vain they do worship me, **teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

**Acts 15:1-2**

1 **And certain men** which came down from Judaea **taught the brethren**, and said, **Except ye be circumcised** after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

**Acts 15:10**

10 Now therefore **why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples**, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

**Acts 15:24**

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: **to whom we gave no such commandment:**

**Acts 15:26-27**

27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

**Acts 15:29**

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

The “Commandments of Men” shall perish.

**Col 2:22**

22 **Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?**

The “Commandments of Men”, can turn us from the Truth

**Titus 1:14-16**

14 **Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.**

15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

**IX. WHAT ARE STATUES?**

(According to the Dictionary)

**STATUTE:**

A written Law. A permanent rule adopted officially by a university.

(In the Bible - in the Hebrew)

**2706 choq (khome);**

from 2710; an enactment; hence, an appointment (of time, space, quantity, labor or usage):

KJV-- appointed, bound, commandment, convenient, custom, decree (-d), due, law, measure, X necessary, ordinance (-nary), portion, set time, statute, task.

**2708 chuqqah (khook-kaw');**

feminine of 2706, and meaning substantially the same:

KJV-- appointed, custom, manner, ordinance, site, statute.

**X. THE STATUTES OF MEN VS GOD:**

The following Scriptures show how “The Statutes of Men” oppose the Statutes of God.

**Ezek 11:12**

12 And ye shall know that I am the LORD: **for ye have not walked in my statutes**, neither executed my judgments, **but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.**

**Ezek 11:19-20**

19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

20 **That they may walk in my statutes**, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

**Ezek 20:17-19**

17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, **Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers**, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

19 **I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes**, and keep my judgments, **and do them;**

**XI. WHAT ARE ORDINANCES?**

(According to the Dictionary)

**ORDINANCE:**

That which is Ordained. A Rule or Law.

(In the Bible - in the Greek)

**1345 dikaioma** (dik-ah'-yo-mah);

from 1344; an equitable deed; by implication, a statute or decision:  
KJV-- judgment, justification, ordinance, righteousness.

**1378 dogma** (dog'-mah);

from the base of 1380; a law (civil, ceremonial or ecclesiastical):  
KJV-- decree, ordinance.

**2937 ktisis** (ktis'-is);

from 2936; original formation (properly, the act; by implication, the thing, literally or figuratively):

KJV-- building, creation, creature, ordinance.

**1379 dogmatizo** (dog-mat-id'-zo);

from 1378; to prescribe by statute, i.e. (reflexively) to submit to ceremonially rule:  
KJV-- be subject to ordinances.

## **XII. THE ORDINANCES OF MEN VS GOD:**

The “Ordinances of Men” are contrary to ‘God’s Ordinances’, even though they may have originated from Him.

### **Heb 9:1**

1 **Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances** of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

### **Heb 9:10**

10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, **and carnal ordinances**, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Jesus has abolished these worldly ‘Ordinances’.

### **Eph 2:15**

15 **Having abolished in his flesh the enmity**, even the law of commandments **contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

### **Col 2:14**

14 **Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

### **Col 2:20**

20 **Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ** from the rudiments of the world, **why**, as though living in the world, **are ye subject to ordinances**,

### **Col 2:22**

22 **Which all are to perish with the using;**) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Therefore:

### **Ezek 11:20**

20 That they may walk in my statutes, and **keep mine ordinances, and do them**: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

## **XIII. WHAT ARE LAWS?**

(According to the Dictionary)

### **LAW:**

A rule of action sustained by authority. A Statute.

(In the Bible - in the Hebrew and the Greek)

**8451 towrah** (to-raw');

or torah (to-raw'); from 3384; a precept or statute, especially the Decalogue or Pentateuch:  
KJV-- law.

**3551 nomos** (nom'-os);  
from a primary nemo (to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals); law (through the idea of prescriptive usage), genitive case (regulation), specifically (of Moses [including the volume]; also of the Gospel), or figuratively (a principle):  
KJV-- law.

**3548 nomothesia** (nom-oth-es-ee'-ah);  
from 3550; legislation (specifically, the institution of the Mosaic code):  
KJV-- giving of the law.

**3549 nomotheteo** (nom-oth-et-eh'-o);  
from 3550; to legislate, i.e. (passively) to have (the Mosaic) enactments enjoined, be sanctioned (by them):  
KJV-- establish, receive the law.

#### **XIV. THE LAWS OF MEN VS GOD:**

‘God’s Laws’ are not “Man’s Laws”.

##### **Gen 26:4-5**

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

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

##### **Exod 16:28**

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, **How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?**

##### **Exod 18:16**

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, **and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.**

##### **Exod 18:20**

20 **And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws,** and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.

##### **Neh 9:13-14**

13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, **and gavest them** right judgments, and **true laws,** good statutes and commandments:

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, **and commandedst them** precepts, statutes, and **laws,** by the hand of Moses thy servant:

##### **Esth 3:8**

8 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; **and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws:** therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.

**Ps 105:45**

45 **That they might** observe his statutes, and **keep his laws.** Praise ye the LORD.

**Isa 24:5**

5 **The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws,** changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

**Ezek 44:24**

24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: **and they shall keep my laws** and my statutes **in all mine assemblies;** and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

**Heb 10:16**

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

## **XV. WHAT ARE CUSTOMS?**

(According to the Dictionary)

### **CUSTOM:**

Common usage or practice. Custom carries the authority of long standing and public acceptance.

(In the Bible - in the Greek)

**1485 ethos** (eth'-os);

from 1486; a usage (prescribed by habit or law):

KJV-- custom, manner, be wont.

**4914 sunetheia** (soon-ay'-thi-ah);

from a compound of 4862 and 2239; mutual habituation, i.e. usage:

KJV-- custom.

## **XVI. THE CUSTOMS OF MEN VS GOD:**

God warns against following "Man's Customs".

**Lev 18:30**

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, **that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs,** which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

**Jer 10:3**

3 **For the customs of the people are vain:** for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

Stephen is arrested and accused of saying Jesus will change the Jew's "Customs".

**Acts 6:14**

14 For we have heard him say, that this **Jesus of Nazareth** shall destroy this place, and **shall change the customs** which Moses delivered us.

Paul and Silas are accused of teaching unlawful "Customs".

**Acts 16:20-21**

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 **And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive,** neither to observe, being Romans.

In Jerusalem, Paul is told by James that even the believing Jews have heard that he teaches against their "Customs".

**Acts 21:18-21**

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, **neither to walk after the customs.**

In Paul's defence before King Agrippa, he compliments him in knowing the Jew's "Customs".

**Acts 26:2-3**

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

3 Especially because **I know thee to be expert in all customs** and questions **which are among the Jews:** wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

In Rome, Paul defends himself to the chief of the Jews.

**Acts 28:17**

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though **I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers**, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

## **XVII. WHAT ARE PRECEPTS?**

(According to the Dictionary)

### **PRECEPT:**

A rule of action or moral conduct.

(In the Bible - in the Hebrew and the Greek)

**4687 mitsvah** (mits-vaw');  
from 6680; a command, whether human or divine (collectively, the Law):

KJV-- (which was) commanded (-ment), law, ordinance, precept.

**1785 entole** (en-tol-ay');  
from 1781; injunction, i.e. an authoritative prescription:

KJV-- commandment, precept.

**1778 entalma** (en'-tal-mah);  
from 1781; an injunction, i.e. religious precept:

KJV-- commandment.

## **XVIII. THE PRECEPTS OF GOD VS MAN:**

God Commanded His "Precepts".

### **Neh 9:14**

14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and **commandedst them precepts**, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

The Following are prayers, meditations and praise about God's "Precepts".

### **Ps 119:4**

4 **Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.**

### **Ps 119:15**

15 **I will meditate in thy precepts**, and have respect unto thy ways.

### **Ps 119:27**

27 **Make me to understand the way of thy precepts**: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

### **Ps 119:40**



40 **Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:** quicken me in thy righteousness.

**Ps 119:45**

45 And I will walk at liberty: **for I seek thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:56**

56 **This I had, because I kept thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:63**

63 **I am a companion** of all them that fear thee, and **of them that keep thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:69**

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but **I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.**

**Ps 119:78**

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but **I will meditate in thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:87**

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth; but **I forsook not thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:93-94**

93 **I will never forget thy precepts:** for with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me; for **I have sought thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:100**

100 I understand more than the ancients, because **I keep thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:104**

104 **Through thy precepts I get understanding:** therefore I hate every false way.

**Ps 119:110**

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet **I erred not from thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:128**

128 **Therefore I esteem all thy precepts** concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

**Ps 119:134**

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man: **so will I keep thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:141**

141 I am small and despised: **yet do not I forget thy precepts.**

**Ps 119:159**

159 **Consider how I love thy precepts:** quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.

**Ps 119:168**

168 **I have kept thy precepts** and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

**Ps 119:173**

173 Let thine hand help me; for **I have chosen thy precepts.**

**Dan 9:5**

5 **We have sinned,** and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, **even by departing from thy precepts** and from thy judgments:

**Mark 10:4-5**

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.**

**Heb 9:19**

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,

**XIX. WHAT ARE JUDGMENTS?**

(According to the Dictionary)

**JUDGMENT:**

The pronouncing of a formal opinion or decision. Ability to make right decisions. Judgment is conclusive; it decides by positive inference. It enables a person to discover the truth.

(In the Bible in the Hebrew and the Greek)

**4941 mishpat** (mish-pawt');

from 8199; properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

KJV-- + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong.

**2920 krisis** (kree'-sis);

decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice (especially, divine law):

KJV-- accustion, condemnation, damnation, judgment.

**2917 krima** (kree'-mah);

from 2919; a decision (the function or the effect, for or against ["crime"]):

KJV-- avenge, condemned, condemnation, damnation, + go to law, judgment.

**1106 gnome** (gno'-may);

from 1097; cognition, i.e. (subjectively) opinion, or (objectively) resolve (counsel, consent, etc.):

KJV-- advice, + agree, judgment, mind, purpose, will.

**XX. THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD VS MEN:**

God's Judgments:

**Lev 18:4-5**

4 **Ye shall do my judgments,** and keep mine ordinances, **to walk therein:** I am the LORD your God.

5 **Ye shall therefore keep** my statutes, and **my judgments:** which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

**Lev 26:46**

46 **These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made** between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

**Deut 4:8**

8 And **what nation is there so great, that hath** statutes and **judgments so righteous as all this law,** which I set before you this day?

**Deut 30:16**

16 In that **I command thee this day** to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and **to keep** his commandments and his statutes and **his judgments,** that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

**1 Chr 16:12**

12 **Remember** his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and **the judgments of his mouth;**

**1 Chr 16:14**

14 **He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

**Neh 1:7**

7 **We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept** the commandments, nor the statutes, nor **the judgments,** which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

**Neh 9:13**

13 **Thou camest down** also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and **gavest them right judgments,** and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

**Ps 89:30-32**

30 **If his children** forsake my law, and **walk not in my judgments;**

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 **Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,** and their iniquity with stripes.

**Prov 19:29**

29 **Judgments are prepared for scorners,** and stripes for the back of fools.

**Jer 1:16**

16 **And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness,** who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

**Ezek 5:6-8**

6 And **she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations,** and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: **for they have refused my judgments** and my statutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; **Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you,** and have not walked in my statutes, **neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;**

8 **Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.**

**Ezek 11:12**

12 And ye shall know that I am the LORD: **for ye have not** walked in my statutes, neither **executed my judgments**, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.

**Ezek 14:21**

21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; **How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence**, to cut off from it man and beast?

**Ezek 20:16**

16 **Because they despised my judgments**, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

**Ezek 20:24-25**

24 **Because they had not executed my judgments**, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 **Wherefore I gave them** also statutes that were not good, and **judgments whereby they should not live;**

**Dan 9:5**

5 **We have sinned**, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, **even by departing** from thy precepts and **from thy judgments:**

**Rom 11:33**

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! **how unsearchable are his judgments**, and his ways past finding out!

**AMEN !**

### **PRE - CONCLUSION:**

#### **BREAKING THE TRADITIONS OF MEN:**

The “Traditions of Men”, whether imposed by the Church itself or by individuals, can cause unnecessary ‘yokes’ and ‘burdens’ to be put on people.

Sometimes these ‘Traditions’ have been established over generations and are very difficult to break.

Many times when praying for people, especially those people who have been Christians for a long time, you can feel a hindrance of the prayer; much like a wall is stopping the prayer. This inhibits the move of the ‘Holy Spirit’ upon this person and the prayer is of little value. (Acts 7:51)

A person must be willing and want to overcome their situation before you can have success in helping this person. Unless of course, God sovereignly works in the person’s life to deliver them.

This 'yoke' and 'burden' must be broken before he/she can receive the full benefit of our prayers.

When praying for this person, we should lay hands on the person's shoulders, and remove the 'burdens' and on their necks to remove the 'yokes'. (Isaiah 14:25 Isaiah 58:6)

Then anoint the person with "Holy Anointing Oil". (Isaiah 10:27)

(Read the Study Guides on "Praying for People" and "Fresh Holy Anointing Oil")

If our "Work" as Christians becomes a 'burden' that is not light, and/or if someone or something has put a 'yoke' upon our necks that is not 'easy'; then this "Work" is not of the Lord.

Jesus said in (Matthew 11:30) "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light". Therefore, let this be the 'judgment' of whether you are following the Lord or "The Traditions of Men".

Often "Pride and Arrogance" is involved. This is a 'Sin' that requires 'Repentance'.

Pride comes from within a person, in the heart, (Obadiah 3,4).

Through 'prayer and Repentance', that heart can be changed. (Ezekiel 11:19, 20)

By the person 'confessing' this sin and 'Repenting', we as prayer partners can agree with that confession, after which they will be completely restored. Amen!

(James 5:16 1John 1:9)

### **CONCLUSION:**

#### **GOD'S TRADITIONS ARE OUR TRADITIONS:**

#### **II Th 3:6**

**6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**

#### **II Th 2:15**

**15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.**

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