

## The laws of man and the law of God..

...it would be great if these matched. Decades ago, the laws of man were generally modelled after God's. In fact, many of our social conventions were in great part framed after the ten commandments given in the Bible, the Word of God. But this is no longer the case in our emancipated western societies. Laws have been introduced and enforced which are contrary to God's. Should we expect God to change His to match ours? That will never happen! (Matthew 24: 35).

In addition, anyone daring to oppose or ignore these immoral progressive decrees is ostracized (banished, excluded); they may lose their job or function and could be subject to legal proceeding. Refusing to participate in promotions or activities advancing this agenda is also subject to viral criticism.

Let's compare a few elements. The law of God condemns adultery, fornication and considers homosexual behaviour an abomination. It forbids lying, and dishonouring your parents. Stealing and murder are also liable to severe consequences. If you read chapter 20 of the book of Exodus in the Bible, you will find all ten main commandments. As of late, as far as we understand, the laws of man do not punish adultery, nor fornication, now widespread and accepted, and supports same-sex relationship even affording them the privilege of marriage. In addition, where we live, male same sex couples can adopt children. One such couple, recently in the news, has been accused of publishing child pornography and the pedophilia they practised on their adopted boys! What indefensible horror! Be assured man will answer to God for allowing an environment for such things to happen.

As to the commandment "*Thou shall not kill*", men have added a few exceptions such as murdering an innocent child in his mothers womb the day before its birth and practising "merciful" euthanasia to speed up a process they feel should be taken out of God's hand. On the other hand, we can be merciful to the vilest of murderers. This brings to mind the day people chose to have Barabbas, a murderer, freed from prison, instead of Jesus and cried out for his crucifixion, the One Who alone could introduce a kingdom of lasting peace and righteousness. (See Matthew 27:16-26 and Luke 23:18-25.)

We fully recognize that there have been many shortcomings and mistakes in our courts of law. Innocent people have been put in jail and even executed; overly harsh sentences given for ones badly represented or victims of an unjust system or corrupt officials. We equally take into account genetic and social factors that affect the identity of some as well as considering the physical and mental health of future mothers. Taking notice of all this, we surely need to be careful and understanding as well as forgiving in all ambiguous cases. We want to be very slow to judge the persons (John 8:7,11). However, this does not in any way justify the adoption and enforcement of laws clearly contrary to those of God.

The supreme Judge of the Supreme Court is truly God to Whom we will all have to give an account of ourselves and that includes all the rulers of this world. Our message is not one of condemnation but rather, in compassion, seeks to open eyes and awaken consciences to these realities and the sure judgment hovering over this world. But thanks be to God, He still wants to be our Redeemer if we simply receive his reprimand for our collective and personal faults and believe in His son the Lord Jesus. He delivered Him into the hands of cruel men who hated Him without a cause and put Him to death. God seeks to convict us of our guiltiness before Him so we would be attentive to his free offer of pardon and reconciliation through the redemption that His Son offers through His work on the cross.

The Bible says : "*How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?* (Hebrews 2:3). The clear answer is we won't if we neglect! The Bible also says: "*He that believes on Him (Jesus) is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.* (John 3:17.) "*The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*" (John 1:18). The law of God condemns us all but the grace of God is powerful to justify anyone who trusts in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. It is getting pretty late, don't miss your flight!

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