

The Lord Is Our Lawgiver

I. Introduction:

A. This lesson could take various directions and seek to make various clarifications:

1. We could talk about things under “the Law of Moses” of old (**Joshua 23:6**), pointing to Christ (**Luke 24:44**), etc.
2. We could talk about the Law of Christ (**Galatians 6:2**) being the law of liberty (**James 2:12**). We could make distinctions (**Romans 8:2**).
3. We could talk about laws within the law (**Leviticus 13:59**, **Numbers 5:29**, **Numbers 6:13**, etc.).
4. We could talk about ordinances of men (**I Peter 2:13**).

B. This lesson is going to be much simpler than any of the aforementioned.

1. We’re not going to make distinctions of laws contained in the word of God. I am going to go forward with the premise that such is understood. We are just going to think generally about all Scriptures being from God whether of old or new covenants (**II Timothy 3:15-17**).
2. Reminding ourselves who the lawgiver is matters, in part, because we have to realize who we are rejecting if we turn away from God’s law regardless of who is teaching it (**Luke 7:24-30**).

II. Body: **Isaiah 33:22**

A. There is ONE lawgiver (**James 4:12**).

1. He gave His law to the world through men (**Exodus 24:12** and **Galatians 1:10-12**).
2. Those men were moved to speak by the Spirit of God (**II Samuel 23:2**, **Matthew 10:16-20**, **John 16:12-13**, and **I Corinthians 2:9-13**), not by their own conclusions (**II Peter 1:20-21**).
3. When men delivered God’s inspired word, it was very much the commandments of God (**I Corinthians 14:37**).

B. After inspired men, ambassadors, the word was to be taught as those inspired men taught it originally (**II Timothy 2:2**).

1. Even when the Apostles sent men while they were still on earth, those evangelists were not to teach whatever they wanted (**I Corinthians 4:17**).
2. The command - preach the word (**II Timothy 4:2** and **Titus 2:1**) with all authority (**Titus 2:15**).
3. Handle it aright (**II Corinthians 4:1-7** and **II Timothy 2:14-18**).

C. With all of that, what is happening when people decide to take God’s word and make it more of their own (**Galatians 1:6-9**; cf. **Proverbs 3:5-7**)?

1. The lawgiver, the Lord, His word is set aside; rejected at this point (**Mark 7:1-13**).

2. There is no light in those that do not speak according to the law given by the lawgiver (**Isaiah 8:20**).
3. Even if such sounds good, appears religious, the end result is that those who use such will perish (**Colossians 2:20-23**).

III. Conclusion: Reject the doctrines of men. Hold fast to what the Lord has said. *"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD"* (**Psalms 119:1**).