

Give Us A King

1 Samuel 8:19-22 HCSB The people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We must have a king over us. (20) Then we'll be like all the other nations: our king will judge us, go out before us, and fight our battles." (21) Samuel listened to all the people's words and then repeated them to the LORD. (22) "Listen to them," the LORD told Samuel. "Appoint a king for them." Then Samuel told the men of Israel, "Each of you, go back to your city."

There is a danger of mixing the "old ways" of the world with God's ways.

- 2 Kings 17:32-33 HCSB So they feared the LORD, but they also appointed from their number, priests to serve them in the shrines of the high places. (33) They feared the LORD, but they also worshiped their own gods according to the custom of the nations where they had been deported from.

Man-made laws make worship vain.

- Matthew 15:9 HCSB **They worship Me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commands of men."**

All we do must be done by Jesus' authority. For Him to authorize it, it must be done His way.

- Colossians 3:17 HCSB And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

God's curse is on those who teach things different from the gospel.

- Galatians 1:6-9 HCSB I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from Him who called you by the grace of Christ, *and are turning* to a different gospel-- (7) not that there is another *gospel*, but there are some who are troubling you and want to change the gospel of Christ. (8) But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than what we have preached to you, a curse be on him! (9) As we have said before, I now say again: if anyone preaches to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!

If we wish to have God, we must abide in the teachings given by Jesus.

- 2 John 1:9 HCSB Anyone who does not remain in the teaching about Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God. The one who remains in that teaching, this one has both the Father and the Son.

Our service is intended to please and honor God, but human wisdom cannot discover what pleases Him without revelation.

- Jeremiah 10:23 HCSB I know, LORD, that a man's way of life is not his own; no one who walks determines his own steps.
- Isaiah 55:8-9 HCSB "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways." *This is* the LORD's declaration. (9) "For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.
- Proverbs 14:12 HCSB There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

God has told us in the gospel everything that pleases Him.

- [2 Timothy 3:16-17 HCSB](#) All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, (17) so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
- [2 Peter 1:3 HCSB](#) For His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.
- [John 16:13 HCSB](#) When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come.

Therefore, if we practice anything not taught in the gospel, we are displeasing to God.

- [Revelation 22:18-19 HCSB](#) (18) I testify to everyone who hears the prophetic words of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. (19) And if anyone takes away from the words of this prophetic book, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, written in this book.

Conclusion:

- [Proverbs 3:5-6 HCSB](#) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; (6) think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.

Evict yourself from the throne of your life. Determine to make God your King. Make the Word of God your constitution. Settle for nothing less. Ruthlessly prune all worldliness and worldly thinking from your life. Seek the pure Gospel. Settle for nothing less.