Word of God vs. Man's Traditions

The Word of God

[NKJV Exodus 12:15] "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses."

[NKJV Exodus 12:19] "For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses…."

Martin Luther's perspective:

I have often said that whoever would study Holy Scripture should be sure to see to it that he stays with the simple words as long as he can and by no means departs from them unless an article of faith compels him to understand them differently. For of this we must be certain: no clearer speech has been heard on Earth than what God has spoken.

Plass, *What Martin Luther Says: A Practical In-Home Anthology for the Active Christian*, 93.

Overview Perspective

Jesus Christ is the Word of God. (NKJV Revelation 19:13)
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (NKJV Hebrews 13:8)

Therefore: The Word of God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Therefore: Man cannot change the Word of God.

If man's interpretation of the Word of God changes the Word of God, then the Word of God is not the same yesterday, today, and forever. Since we know that it is impossible for God to lie, and that the Word of God does not change, it is man's interpretation of the Word of God that is in error.

Man's Traditions

[NKJV Exodus 12:15] "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. [*The day preceding*] the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses."

[NKJV Exodus 12:19] "For [*eight*] days no leaven shall be found in your houses…."

From a Christian perspective, man's interpretation of the Word of God changes the Word of God; therefore this interpretation of the Word of God is in error.

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My point is valid. Show me where I am mistaken. (Luke 2:41 NKJV) His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. Jesus was born under the Law. (Galatians 4:4) His parents and His grandparents were also born under the Law. We were not born under the Law, but were born in the church age of grace. This age of grace did not begin until after the Crucifixion, when God saw the precious Blood of our Lord and Savior pouring out of His side at the appointed time, when Jesus' Temple Veil was torn. God's Law was still in effect until the temple veil was torn. My point is that these traditions began after the Crucifixion, and not before. This is the error that the entire Christian church continues to hold onto. Truth is mutually exclusive of error, just as light is mutually exclusive of darkness. The Christian church should not be holding onto error.

Jesus Christ condemned the Pharisee's breaking of the command of God in order to teach their traditions of men. (Matthew 15:3-9) If Jesus, after He had said this, had obeyed one of those Pharisaic traditions, He would have been a hypocrite. We know that this did not happen, and that Jesus obeyed all of his Father's commands. Yet, the entire Christian Church in their interpretation of Holy Week events, has in fact, placed Jesus in a position of obeying a Pharisaic tradition that breaks the command of God. Therefore, the entire Christian Church's interpretation of Holy Week events is in error.

Again, please show me where I am mistaken. Jesus, his parents, and his grandparents all had to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Please explain to me what the seven days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread were according to the Law of God. Also, on what Jewish calendar day of the first month was leaven removed from Jesus' parent's house, according to the Law of God? I am trying to show everyone that they do not have the whole TRUTH of Jesus when they hold onto the same traditions that Judaism holds onto. In the (Mekilta *12:15, Pisha 8:38-41),* R. Ishmael, R. Jonathon and R. Jose all concluded that "on" the first day in Exodus 12:15, referred to "the day preceding" the first day. How do you feel about this? Is it right in your eyes that the Christian church should hold onto this same tradition? Judaism does not believe that Jesus is God. Explain to me then from your perspective, why the Christian church holds onto this interpretation of Scripture, the same one that Judaism holds onto, the same one that changes God's eternal Holy Word?

In my understanding I show why (Judaism) is correct from their perspective. They (Judaism) only believe in the Old Testament (Covenant) and do not believe in the New Testament (Covenant). By holding onto this interpretation (their tradition), they validate what they did to the Word of God (Jesus Christ) on the day of the Crucifixion; they violated God's Word (Jesus Christ). Dr. Martin Luther would be the first one agreeing with me on these points. Dr. Martin Luther kept on saying; it is written, “this is My body ...” I agree with Dr. Martin Luther that one should stay with the simple words, “is” means “is”. I also believe that Dr. Martin Luther would agree with me today, if he were here, that in (Exodus 12:15,19), "seven" means "seven", and "on" means "on".

In Christ's Service

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