

Going Beyond Scribes And Pharisees

I. It's All Or Nothing

Mt.5:19

- OT 'heroes' respected all of God's word.
- Rabbis distinguished 'light' and 'heavy' commands; scribes set aside parts they disliked, Lk.11:37-54.
- Real problem: lack of faith.
 - 229 times in NKJV; 2 times in OT

Faith (1/2)

- Mt.9:2, saw their faith.
- Mt.23:23, justice, mercy, faith.
- Ro.10:16, not all obeyed...?
- Ga.5:6, avails: has power; accomplishes something.
- Hb.4:2, word did not profit. 1 Sm.25:17

Hb.11, Characteristics of Faith (2/2)

1: believes w/o seeing. V.7, ark, flood...

3: examines evidence, honest heart.

4: acts on basis of revelation (Ro.10:17).

5-6: necessary to please God.

8: trusts God. Abraham...place.

17: obeys by giving God our best.

30: obeys when the promise does not logically fit the command.

[Ja.2: faith works, 14; NOT faith alone, 21-24]

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II. Many Hold False
View Of O.T.

“Since we don’t live under OT,
we should not study it”

- Jn.5:39, testify of Christ, prove His claims
- Hb.11, OT examples teach spiritual lessons

“God’s OT plan for worship has not changed”

- Principles in OT remain as lessons to teach us. Ro.15:4.
- Many practices in OT do not apply now.

Animal sacrifices

Jesus’ sacrifice

Mechanical music

Singing

Tithing

As prospered

Incense

Prayer

Sabbath

First day of week

“God’s plan of salvation has always been the same: faith”

[“Examples of salvation during Christ’s life apply now as then.”]

- Purpose: disprove necessity of baptism.
- Three dispensations: Patriarchal; Mosaic; Pentecost.
 - When did NT become effective? Hb.9:16f.
 - If same as old, how is it new? Hb.8:8-13.

“God’s plan of salvation has always been the same: faith”

- Do we do same as those of earlier periods?
 - Build ark?
 - Animal sacrifice?
 - Incense?
 - Sabbath?
 - Go to Jerusalem?
- Ephesians 3:5.

Examples used to “explain away” baptism

1. Mark 1:39-45, leper. Lv.14, as Moses commanded?
2. Mk.2:1-5, paralyzed: faith, thus no baptism.
3. Lk.7:50, faith, not baptism, saved woman.
4. Lk.23:39-43, thief.

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II. False View Of OT

III. Baptism Is
NT Command

New covenant (1/2)

- Hb.9:16-17 – will goes into effect after death
- Mk.16:15-16 – given after His death...
- Lk.24:44-47 – beginning at Jerusalem (not before): Ac.1-2

New covenant (2/2)

- Nothing that happened before His death can affect what He said after it.
 - Pre-NT examples did not believe Jesus died and was raised from dead. Must we?
 - Conditions in pre-NT examples vary: leper, paralyzed man, woman, thief... Ct. Mk.16
 - In no NT example of conversion did anyone tell sinned to be saved like leper...