Foolish Laws if We Leave God Out

INTRODUCTION: We must have laws to govern things:

1. Law says we must drive on the right side of the road.
2. We must have laws to govern everything.
3. So it is with God’s law that governs everything.
4. Spiritual law says Jesus is the law giver. (Acts 3:22-23)
5. Saving power is exercised through the law.
6. Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is God's power unto salvation”. (Rom. 1:16)
7. Saving power is in and through the Word of God.
8. The Word of God is the living mind of God.

**I. FOUR THINGS WE MUST KNOW**

1. Christ is the Law giver.
2. Saving power is exercised through the law.
3. This saving power is a conditional thing.
4. Paul said, and being made perfect he became the author of Eternal Salvation unto all them that Obey Him. (Heb. 5:9)

**II. DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE**

1. The law says to drive on the right side of the road. We are expected to obey.
2. It is the same with God’s law. We must obey.
3. Illustration: When you buy a car, you receive a manual. If you follow the manual, the manufacturer will guarantee fifty thousand miles.
4. Some have more faith in Car Manual than the God of Heaven.
5. We are more interested in checking our car manual in order to see if our car is right and if it is guaranteed X number of miles than in checking God’s Word in order to see if we are right with Him.

**III PROBLEMS OF MEN AND WOMEN TODAY**

1. It is not what The warranty or manual says.
2. Our problem is, “I don’t want to be- saved like God wants me to be’’.
3. Man will not accept God’s wisdom to save him.
4. Paul said, “We walk by faith and not by sight”. (II Cor. 5:7)
5. Our problem is God does not work like “I” want Him to work.

**IV. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT PREACHING?**

1. Paul said, “For the preaching of the cross is to them, foolishness”.
   1. (I Cor. 1:21) Who said so—God.
2. Paul said, “The world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God
3. by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe (I Cor. 1:21)

**V. FOOLISH LAW IF WE LEAVE GOD OUT**

1. A cure for snake bites. (Num. 21:7, 9)
2. Moses said, “Lord, the Israelites are being bitten by snakes, what must I do?”
3. God said, “Put the pole up . . . put brass snake on it . . . all that 'e have been bitten and look upon the pole will be healed of their snake bites”.
4. Unusual? Yes!

**VI. WHAT HEALED THEIR SNAKE BITES?**

1. Was it the brass snake? No.
2. Was it the pole? No.
3. Was it the hole in the ground? No.
4. Some would say, “I won’t look at a snake pole”.
5. “Snake salvation”
6. “I will go to hell before I’ll do that”.
7. It was faith that works through obedience to God’s law that brought healing.

**VII. NAAMAN’S LEPROSY CURED—II Kings 5**

1. Naaman was a captain in the king’s army. (King of Syria).
2. A little maid, who waited on Naaman’s wife, told him of the prophet in Israel, who could heal his leprosy.
3. Naaman departed for Israel.
4. He took ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of raiment.
5. He stood at the door of Elisha, the prophet.
6. Elisha sent out a messenger.
7. “Go dip seven times in Jordan River.”
8. Naaman becomes angry.
9. The remedy was so simple it was foolishness to him.
10. The servant said, “What if he had told you to do some great thing?”
11. Naaman thought he would work a miracle or do a trick.

**VIII. AT WHAT POINT WAS THE MIRACLE DONE?**

1. Pulled off shoes and was healed? No!
2. Waded into the water and was healed? No!
3. Dipped six times and was healed? No!
4. Dipped seven times and the leprosy was cured! Yes!
5. Faith and obedience to the law pertaining to his leprosy. There was no power in the water ... it was the obedience that took place by going into the water.
6. Preaching of the gospel is foolishness?

**IX. WALLS OF JERICHO FALL**

1. Joshua 6:6-20.
2. “Walk around walls once a day for 7 days,
3. Seventh day, walk seven times around wall,
4. Give a loud shout—city is yours.”
5. Man would have thought this to be ridiculous.

**X. ISRAELITES DELIVERANCE**

1. Exodus 12:1-13
2. Sprinkle animal blood on door posts of the house.
3. A lamb.
4. Male, without blemish, first year lamb.
5. God passed over.
6. Man would consider foolish and would not have commanded it.

**XI. A CURE FOR BLINDNESS**

1. John 9:6-7
2. Jesus made clay spittle.
3. Anointed blind with the clay spittle
4. Jesus said, “Go/f wash in pool of Siloam”.
5. He came away seeing.
6. Suppose I gave the same cure for blindness.
7. People would say, “He is crazy, lock him up”.
8. It is foolish to disregard God’s law.