

## God's Law Vetoed

Many people refuse to submit to or approve of the Law of God. They think they have the right to set aside what God says for how they feel or believe. They may carry a Bible, they may even claim to be "Christians" but in their daily living and their doctrines they nullify God's will. They "veto" or set aside the will of God in several ways:

### Claims to Special and New Revelations

The Bible teaches that the Word of God is complete.

**II Timothy 3:16-17** "ALL SCRIPTURE *is* GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND *is* PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS."

God, in His revelation has provided us with everything that is required for life and godliness:

**II Peter 1:3** "ACCORDING AS HIS DIVINE POWER HATH GIVEN UNTO US ALL THINGS THAT *pertain* UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT HATH CALLED US TO GLORY AND VIRTUE:"

When the New Testament was finished we had all that was required to sustain our faith. Any claim to a new or special revelation will incur the wrath of God:

**Galatians 1:8** "BUT THOUGH WE, OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THAN THAT WHICH WE HAVE PREACHED UNTO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED."

### Men Veto the Word of God By Their Conscience

Before he became the Apostle Paul, Saul persecuted the church, even to the point of seeking those who were Christians in cities other than Jerusalem:

**Acts 23:1** "AND PAUL, EARNESTLY BEHOLDING THE COUNCIL, SAID, MEN *and* BRETHREN, I HAVE LIVED IN ALL GOOD CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD UNTIL THIS DAY."

But Saul was wrong:

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**Acts 26:9** "I VERILY THOUGHT WITH MYSELF, THAT I OUGHT TO DO MANY THINGS CONTRARY TO THE NAME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH."

The problem with following our conscience is that it may not be properly trained, and even if properly trained it may become weak and defiled:

**Titus 1:15** "UNTO THE PURE ALL THINGS *are* PURE: BUT UNTO THEM THAT ARE DEFILED AND UNBELIEVING *is* NOTHING PURE; BUT EVEN THEIR MIND AND CONSCIENCE IS DEFILED."

And it may become hardened, seared to the extent that nothing penetrates it:

**I Timothy 4:2** "SPEAKING LIES IN HYPOCRISY; HAVING THEIR CONSCIENCE SEARED WITH A HIT IRON."

We can allow our conscience to veto the Law of God in our lives.

## Experiences and Feelings Veto the Word of God

I've heard some say that they "don't care what the Bible says, this is how I feel, this is what I believe." But those who rely upon their own judgment are doomed to spiritual failure. They place their final destiny upon their judgment rather the judgment of Almighty God. The prophet wrote:

**Jeremiah 10:23** "O LORD, I KNOW THAT THE WAY OF MAN *is* NOT IN HIMSELF: *it is* NOT IN MAN THAT WALKETH TO DIRECT HIS STEPS."

We may "feel" that we are right. We may "feel" that something that some man is teaching sounds so good that it must be right. But we can be fooled. The Apostle John writes:

**I John 4:1** "BELOVED, BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD."

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### So-Called Personal Encounters Veto God's Word

Among our religious neighbors personal testimonies and the telling of "religious" experiences has been a practice for many years. Usually these "experiences" relate to how the Holy Spirit has moved, influenced or caused someone to do something, or feel something that they interpret to be from God. The Holy Spirit caused Paul to write that:

**Romans 1:16** "FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK."

Neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit speaks to any man to tell him what to do in order to be saved. Paul testifies that he was the last one to see Jesus:

**I Corinthians 15:8** "AND LAST OF ALL HE WAS SEEN OF ME ALSO, AS OF ONE BORN OUT OF DUE TIME."

And even then Jesus did not save Saul on the Damascus road, He sent him into the city:

**Acts 9:6** "AND HE TREMBLING AND ASTONISHED SAID, LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO? AND THE LORD *said* UNTO HIM, ARISE, AND GO INTO THE CITY, AND IT SHALL BE TOLD THEE WHAT THOU MUST DO."

When men claim special revelation today the veto the Law of God:

### Men Veto God's Law by Internal Authority

Modernists tell us that our conception of God does not come from any sort of revelation; that what we see as God's revelation is all myth and conjecture created by man. They claim that our concept of a God is from our intuition, created by our psychological need to worship. The scripture says that God made man in His own image:

**Genesis 1:26** "AND GOD SAID, LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS: AND LET THEM HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND OVER THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND OVER THE CATTLE, AND OVER ALL THE EARTH, AND OVER EVERY CREEPING THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH."

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The sin of man setting his will above the will of God is what caused sin to be in the world. Eve was deceived and ate of the forbidden fruit, but nothing in scripture anywhere tells us that Adam was deceived but he ate:

**Genesis 3:6** "AND WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE TREE **was** GOOD FOR FOOD, AND THAT IT **was** PLEASANT TO THE EYES, AND A TREE TO BE DESIRED TO MAKE **one** WISE, SHE TOOK OF THE FRUIT THEREOF, AND DID EAT, AND GAVE ALSO UNTO HER HUSBAND WITH HER; AND HE DID EAT."

Mankind has no way of knowing what God wants in our lives, in our worship, or in any way except through what God has revealed to us. To accept internal authority, to place what we think above that given of God is a denial of God. Those who accept anything in place of the Word of God veto's the Word of God and follow something that is false, that is not truth.

But that which is "TRUTH" is the word of God:

**John 17:17** "SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH."

And it is that "TRUTH" which will set us free from our sin:

**John 8:32** "AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."

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