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Deuteronomy 4:2, *“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish [ought] from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”*

Proverbs 30:6, *“Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”*

Revelation 22:18-19, *“¹⁸For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.”*

The three passages above are the three times in the Bible the LORD tells us not to add to His word. The first and last times also tell us not to diminish or take away from His word.

It seems logical to not take away from any law or something which we ourselves did not write. However, false groups have done this

throughout history, leading many astray.

We certainly would not take it upon ourselves to change the law of the land. If we felt the speed limit should be changed on a stretch of road, we do not have the authority to change it. The government has that authority, but we do not.

There are some laws that are totally unchangeable. The laws of nature and math cannot be altered. Two plus two will always equal four. That is a truth that cannot be changed. The LORD Himself addressed the unchangeable physical world about us. We are told in Jeremiah 33:20-21, *“²⁰Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; ²¹[Then] may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.”*

The LORD said if they could break His covenant of the day and night, then His covenant with David and a son to reign could be broken. Part of this no doubt refers to Jesus as the son of David and reigning upon His eternal throne. We cannot change or break the day and night cycles. We cannot change or break the word of God. It is eternal.

The three times in the Bible we are told not to add to the LORD's word has progressively dire warnings. The first time in Deuteronomy 4:2 the LORD simply tells the people not to add to His word nor diminish from it. In Proverbs 30:6 we are told not to add to His word lest that person is reprovved and found a liar.

The Bible plainly warns of the fate of those who lie. Revelation 21:8, *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*

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News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Lauren Candela, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Alice Vanderstoep,** and

Eliette Riffle. Stewart & Sharon Franklin have both been quite sick over the past week.

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The final time we are told not to add to nor take away from God's word contains the most dire warnings. If anyone adds to the word of God, the plagues written in the book will be added to him. If anyone takes away from the words of this prophecy, God will take that person out of the book of life, and out of the holy city. They also will be taken away from the things written in this book. He is talking about the reward of the saved. Those who alter the word will lose their eternal salvation and their portion in Heaven.

These are some of the last words ever spoken to mankind by Jesus. He wanted to impress upon us the importance of keeping His word pure and unaltered. It's little wonder that these are some of Jesus's final words to us. He knew that groups and people would come who would try to change His word.

Even 2000 years later so many, and no doubt the majority of people who do worship, are worshipping the LORD in the way they want. Perhaps it's from tradition or desire to worship in another way, but to do so will cause one to be eternally lost. Their worship is in vain. Jesus said in Matthew 15:9 and Mark 7:7 very similar warnings, "*Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.*"

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Sunday, May 5, 2024

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| Classes | 13 | Luke 9:22-37 |
| Preaching | 27 | Deuteronomy 31 |
| Contribution | \$1321.00 | |
| Evening | 7, 10 | I Peter 5:9-14; Singing (Psalm 24) |

Visitors— May 5 (PM) Jim Weiland (Hodgenville, KY); Ronda Mishos (Buffalo, KY); Randy & Nancy Lane (Elizabethtown, KY)

Bible Quiz

Moses was told to write what and teach it to the children of Israel?

Last Week's Answer— A bow (Genesis 9:13)

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The Bible contains the pattern for our worship and cannot be changed. Let's do all we can to study God's word and make sure we are following and serving in the way He has commanded. It's the only way to be eternally saved in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)