

Follow The Pattern

Int.

1. Aim: To show that God has always given us a pattern to follow so we can obey Him.
2. II Tim. 1:13 NKJV "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus."
 - a. Hold Fast - there were people in the 1st century who were going astray just as today
 - b. Pattern - "A sketch for imitation"
 - i. "signifies the sketch, plan, or outline of a building, picture,"
 - ii. Man was not left to invent a religion for his own use and after his own mind.
 - iii. God gives us a perfect plan for us to follow
 - c. Sound Words - healthy, wholesome = gospel
 - d. Which you have heard from me
 - i. Paul preached the Gospel to them
 - ii. They understood the truth as preached to them.
 - e. In Faith and Love
3. Illustration of Blue Print for House
 - a. The blue print is a plan for building the house
 - b. To use this you must recognize the law of exclusion
 - i. Size of building is set
 - ii. Place for doors, windows, walls, steps etc. are set
 - iii. It does not have to say: "Do not put the door here"
 - c. When we have a Blue Print or pattern, then that is our example to follow.
4. Let us see what it means to Follow The Pattern...

Discussion

I. EXAMPLES

A. Noah building the Ark

1. Gen. 6:13-15
 - a. Wood = Gopher
 - b. Size = 300 x 50 x 30 Cubits
 - c. Contents = animals and food, 8 passengers
2. When God told Noah what to do that excluded all other ways
 - a. God did not have to say: Do not use, Oak, Pine, Cedar all list all the possible kinds of wood.
 - b. He did not have to say "Do not build the ark 400 cubits long" and list all the other possible lengths. He told Him how long and Noah understood.
3. Noah had a pattern or instructions of what to do.
4. He obeyed - Gen. 6:22 "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."
5. Law of Exclusion

B. Moses building the Tabernacle

1. Exodus 25:8-9 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."
 - a. Pattern - a model, resemblance, likeness, similitude
 - b. In some way God showed Moses exactly what He wanted built.
2. There was the tent-like structure with all the poles and coverings. They had the different pieces of furniture that were placed in the tabernacle.

3. The clothing worn by the priests is described in great detail.
4. In giving these instructions God did not have to tell Moses all the things he could not do. But he told him what to do and it was settled.
5. The law of exclusion was understood by Moses for he built the tabernacle just as God had instructed him.

II. APPLICATION

- A. God has given us a plan to follow
 1. Salvation - H.B.R.C.B. = Salvation
 2. Organization - Elders - Deacons
 3. Worship by singing
- B. Men have gone away from God's plan
 1. Richland Hills - Instrumental music - Christian Chronicle - Jan. 2007
 2. They now have added instruments to their worship.
- C. In our Worship to God we are to use Vocal music.
 1. Eph. 5:19 - Is it Vocal or Instrumental? Vocal
 2. Col. 3:16 - Is it Vocal or Instrumental? Vocal
 3. 1 Cor. 14:15 - Is it vocal or Instrumental? Vocal
- D. But God did not say: "Thou shalt not use instrumental music."
 1. True - But we must recognize the law of exclusion
 2. But when He told us what to do that eliminates all other possible ways;

3. Example of Noah:
 - a. Build an ark of gopher wood
 - b. If God had said build it out of wood then Noah could have used any kind that He liked.
 - c. But since God specified gopher then all other kinds of wood were eliminated.

E. Does it really matter?

1. Yes - Rev. 22:18-19 - we cannot add to or take away
2. Worthless Worship - Matt. 15:9
3. Matt. 7:21-23

CONCLUSION

1. John 14:15 "If you love me keep my commandments"
 - a. "If you love me, you will obey my commandments," MNT
 - b. If we do not obey His commandments, then that implies we do not Love Him.
2. God has always given a pattern or blue-print for man to follow.
 - a. He gave Noah a plan to build the ark
 - b. He gave Moses a plan in building the tabernacle.
3. God has given us a plan for our worship to Him.
 - a. John 4:24
 - b. Truth = The pattern, the blue-print.

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