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Matthew 15:1-9

15 Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, 2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” 3 He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?”



4 For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ 5 But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” [a] 6 he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word [b] of God. 7 You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

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““This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

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in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments
of men.””



Isaiah 29:1-14

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This teaching may push the limits in regards to many of our emotional attachments we often have toward these traditions...emotional attachments that may conflict with our spirit led desire to seek, adopt, and practice only **truth**.

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Proverbs 28:1

1 A wicked person flees when no one is
chasing him,
but righteous people are as bold as
lions.

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Throughout this teaching, you might be compelled to focus on your personal perspective on Holiday traditions like Christmas and Easter, however that will not be our focus.

Our focus will be on God's perspective, according to His own Word, on these traditions.


We are going to draw lines, and a choice will have to be made.




It will be up to you as to whether you want to adopt God's perspective, or a contrary perspective, and throughout this presentation, we will be sticking to only the Bible and historical facts. Material that you can test yourself, to determine if these things are true.

Malachi 3:5-6


5 “I will come to judge you. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers, lying witnesses, and those who cheat workers out of their wages and oppress widows and orphans. I will also testify against those who deprive foreigners of their rights. None of them fear me,” says Yahweh Tsebaoth.



6 “I, **Yahweh**, never change. That is why you descendants of Jacob haven’t been destroyed yet.




God cannot and does not change...and if God is a God of His word...then nothing in the word has changed...it is all just as true, just as it always has been. His character that defines Him consists of what He likes and does not like....and these things never change.



So often we state that it is all about the relationship with the Father...how many times have we heard that said, or even said it ourselves that it is all about the relationship?

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If that is true, then we should care about what He likes and dislikes...and we never have to worry about him changing what He likes or dislikes, because He does not change...He told us that He does not change.



Deuteronomy 12:1-4

12 Here are the laws and rules you must faithfully obey in the land that Yahweh Elohim of your ancestors is giving you as your own. You must obey them as long as you live in the land.



Isn't that what a relationship is all about?
Getting to know the other person and
responding appropriately to their likes and
dislikes? Keeping that in mind, here are
some things that God said
to us in His unchanging Word:

Deuteronomy 12:29-30

29 Yahweh your Elohim will destroy the nations where you're going and force them out of your way. You will take possession of their land and live there. 30 After they've been destroyed, be careful you aren't tempted to follow their customs. Don't even ask about their gods and say, "How did these people worship their gods? We want to do what they did."



Jeremiah 10:2


2 This is what Yahweh says:

Don't learn the practices of the nations.


Don't be frightened by the signs in
the sky because the nations are
frightened by them.

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2 Completely destroy all the worship sites on the high mountains, on the hills, and under every large tree. The people you're forcing out worship their gods in these places.




3 Tear down their altars, crush their sacred stones, burn their poles dedicated to the goddess Asherah, cut down their idols, and wipe out the names of their gods from those places.




4 Never worship Yahweh your
Elohim in the way they worship
their gods.

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Clearly Yahweh is telling us that He does not like to be worshipped in the same way that the pagans worshipped their sun gods. That should make perfect sense to us.




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So, what if worshipping God through
Christmas and Easter are
actually the same as worshipping
God in sun god ways and traditions?
Would that be serious? Would we care?
And more importantly, does He care?



If we care at all about what our Father likes or dislikes, then we must test this...it is all about the relationship with Him...not always about what pleases us, but what pleases Him.

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Jesus (His Hebrew name being **Yeshua**) cared about what His Father liked. **Yeshua** only spoke the Words of His Father, and only followed His Father.

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John 4:23-24

23 Indeed, the time is coming, and it is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. The Father is looking for people like that to worship him.

24 God is a spirit. Those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”