

This Commandment Is Not Too Mysterious For You

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Introduction:

- A. James 1:25 - Why is God's word called the "perfect law of liberty"?
 - 1. It is perfect in the sense of being complete.
 - 2. It makes adherents spiritually perfect or complete.
 - 3. It is perfectly designed for human understanding and needs.
 - 4. All of the above
- B. God's word is designed to be understood by human beings.
 - 1. Eph. 3:2-4; Matt. 11:25
- C. God's word is designed to be practiced by human beings.
 - 1. 1John 5:3; Matt. 11:29-30
- D. It has been that way from the beginning in all dispensations.
 - 1. Even though the commands of God changed with each dispensation, these same characteristics of God's will for man have remained unchanged from the beginning.

I. GOD'S WORD IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND

- A. Deut. 30:9-20
- B. God's word has always:
 - 1. Been accessible by human beings who want it - Acts 8:26-28
 - 2. Resulted in reward for human beings who obey it - Rom. 2:7-9
 - 3. Given the choice to obey or rebel to human beings - Mark 16:16

II. GOD'S WORD IS NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO OBEY

- A. Deut. 12:10-14, 28, 32
- B. God's word has always:
 - 1. Made clear what God specifically requires of human beings
 - a. 2Peter 3:1-2
 - 2. Made allowances for the limitations of human existence - 2Cor. 8:12
 - b. Use "reasonable" judgment in deciding difficult matters.
 - 3. Made clear the distinction between specific commands and Divinely granted liberty in matters of individual conscience, and has warned against crossing the line between them - Acts 15:28-29

III. GOD'S WORD IS NOT THE SOURCE OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN HIS CHILDREN

- A. Ez. 34:15-22
- B. God's word has always:
 - 1. Identified God as the final Judge in all matters, especially spiritual
 - a. Luke 13:12-17
 - 2. Commanded His children to live together harmoniously - Rom. 14:1-4

Conclusion:

- A. God's word today comes through Jesus - Heb. 1:1-2
- B. He has revealed the will of God in such a way that is not too mysterious for you to understand or too difficult for you to obey - John 15:22