

Title: The Ancient Landmarks - (7/3/19)

Text: (Prov 22:28) *Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.*

Landmarks - Something to designate the boundary of land;

Any fixed object; Such as a tree, a stone, a ditch, or a heap of stones, by which the limits of a farm, a town or other portion of territory may be known and preserved.

And by which a person may give adequate direction to direct someone on their travels.

Boundaries: They are everywhere.

In El Paso: Chain Link & Raught Iron Fences, Rock Walls. Barbed Wire, Razor Wire.

All mark out areas, whether to Keep In or to keep Out

God Gives Us Landmarks as Rules for how to live, for us to know where we are, what we are, & where we are supposed to be in life.

Some people are unaware that there ARE any boundaries for us as a Christian:

Anything Goes, Everything is Acceptable.

Any notion to the contrary: LEGALIST!

(1 Cor 14:33a) *for God is not the author of confusion*

(1 Cor 14:40) *let all things be done decently&in order*

(Gal 5:13) *Use Not your Liberty for an occasion to ...*

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Scripture:

(Ps 119:105) *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

Illus: You don't need an easier to read copy;

You just need to read it!

Illus: It is Sacred Language:

The Mind of God put into the words of Man:

(Is 55:8-9) *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

The Bible is it's OWN best Commentary:

(1 Cor 14:32:) *And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.*

(1 Cor 2:12-16) (Vs 12) "That"

(Vs 13) "Comparing"

(Vs 16) "Mind of Christ"

The New Versions leave out Specific Words that change the Core Principles & Major Doctrines and in turn rob us of the Abundant Christian Life!

Examples:

The NKJV: Sodomy, Sodomite, Jehovah, Repent, Abomination, Damnation, Devils. Why?

Whole verses are Omitted NIV, RSV, & NASV:

Matt 17:21; 18:11; 23:14;

Mark 7:16; 9:44, 46; 11:26; 15:28; LK 17:36; 23:17;

Jn 5:4;

Acts 8:37; 15:34; 28:29;

Rom 16:24;

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Illus: It is Sacred Language:

The Mind of God put into the Words of Men.

Your Best Companion is a Good Dictionary.

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Scripture:

Let's Not Change the Landmark on Salvation:

(Eph 2:8-9) Grace through Faith +/-

There is only one way to get to heaven!

Repentance is Necessary: (Acts 20:21)

It's not a Baptist thing but a Bible Thing.

We want to skip this because we are afraid the Truth will scare them away.

They have to realize they are LOST before they can be SAVED:

(What I Was): The Problem: Rom 3:23, Rom 6:23

I was Spiritually Dead in Trespasses & Sins (Eph 2:1)

I was Condemned Already (John 34:18)

I had the Wrath of God Abiding on me: (John 3:36)

I was the Servant of Sin: (Rom 6:17)

I was headed for there Lake of Fire: (Rev 20:15)

I Was Lost, but sought by Jesus: (Lk 19:10)

(What God Did for Me): The Solution: (Rom 5:8)

(What I had to Do)

Repent: (Acts 17:30) Turned to God in Sorrow.

Deep Sorrow, Doesn't matter what others think.

Called: (Rom 10:13) Surrendered

Confessed that I Believe: (Rom 10:9)

Receive: (Jn 1:12) Set my Dependence upon Christ

Be honest with people:

Stop trying to sell them on the features & Benefits.

Tell them the Truth about Hell.

Tell them your Story:

Be Honest with Yourself:

"Well I think they are saved."

Our hope doesn't bridge the gap. - ***Ask them!***

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Scripture:

Let's Not Change the Landmark on Salvation:

Let's Not Change the Landmark on Separation:

(2 Cor 6:14-17) *"Separate"* A Clear distinction between the Flesh/World & The things of God.

A Clear distinction

We all want to skinny up to the line and run as close to the World as possible.

There is a Reason for the Landmarks.

You Can't See what's coming down the Road.

Illus: Levi Playing in the Street!

One day God's Longsuffering will run out.

God's Landmarks Protect Us: God places landmarks in our Life to protect us from the Ravages of Sin
(Lev 25:18-19) Dwell in Safety

God's Landmarks Prepare Us:

You cannot handle what's on the other side of the Boundary!

Illus: The Chihuahuas / Rottweiler.

You are not Ready for it yet:

Illus: The Fence in My Back Yard.

God's Landmarks Preserve Us:

(Prov 2:1-2; 10-11)

You were never meant for whats on the other Side.

Illus: *Your cel phone makes a lousy hammer.*

God's Landmarks Preserves Our Relationship with our Parents: (Prov 28:7)(Eph 6:1-2) Long Life!

Builds Trust: Illus: Trust Piggy Bank! (LK 16:10)

God's Landmarks Preserves our fellowship with God:
(Col 3:20, 1 Sam 15:22-23)

God gave us Landmarks as memorials to remember what He has done for us. (Josh 4:6-7)

They transfer the bible truths from parent to child.

Helps the Child to make Dad's Convictions their own.
(Josh 4:21-24; Ex 12:26-27; Ex 13:14-15)

The Tragedy of 2nd & 3rd Generation Christians.

The OT Kings of Judah: (2 Chron 25:2; Judg 2:10-11)
Provoke our children to wrath: (Eph 6:4)

(Ps 44:1-*4) Because of What God had done in the days of old, the Psalmist accepted God as His God.

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Scripture:

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Salvation:

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Separation:

Let's Not Change the Landmark of Service:

Let's Do it God's Way!

Evangelism: (Acts 1:8) Be a Witness!

Discipleship: (Matt 28:20)

Training: (2 Tim 2:2)

Tell them the Truth about God's Expectations:

Baptized, Read, Pray, Church, Witness, & Tithe.

Tell them your Story:

You cannot Improve on God's Plan.

These are the specific Goals God has set for us.

These are the Landmarks God Set to Guide us.