We Believe

A CLOSER LOOK

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7. That God gave His people instructions on the way they should live, which instructions were 'for their good always'



That God gave His people instructions

Psalm 32:8

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

The Word of Truth

God created truth by his word...
 (John 1:1,2)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²The same was in the beginning with God."

 All mankind have truth written in them (Romans 2:14)

> "for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves"



on the way they should live,

Deuteronomy 27:10

"Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day."

Absolute Truth, Absolute Right

God has authored truth and requires obedience.

(Psalm 111:7)

"The works of his hands are truth and justice; All his precepts are sure."

 Man will be held accountable for the way he has lived his life

(Revelations 20:12)

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

which instructions were 'for their good always'

A greater good

• What he wants, for what we need (Deuteronomy 6:24)

"And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day."

(Romans 8:20)

"For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,"

Psalm 1:1-3

- "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper, seat of the scornful."

always

"When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;"

always

yowm (H3117) - days, lifetime.

Your whole life

A life of service

(Colossians 1:10)

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God:"

His people

Deuteronomy 14:2

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth."

Who are his people?

Israel

(Deuteronomy 14:2)

Many Nations

(Micah 4:2)

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Everyone

(Philippians 2:10)

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"



"Don't take of that tree"

Adam & Eve

"Eat meat but not the blood"



Noah

"Circumcision"



Abraham



"Repent – Follow Me"



The Jerusalem Council

"No Idols, No blood, No fornication"

What Instructions?



Moses -Israel

In summary

We Believe:

- God is the author of Life and Good, of Truth and Justice
- That all mankind has been given instructions on how to live
 - Some were unwritten and demand the use of conscience
 - Some people were given more direct laws
 - ▶ All people are responsible for following God's truth and will be judged
- That Israel as his special people were given instructions for their Nation, their worship and their lifestyle
- That these instructions were given to benefit their whole life