

Who Moved the Landmark

Proverbs 22:28

28 Do not remove the ancient landmark Which your fathers have set. NKJV

When the children of Israel came into the land of Canaan, the land that God had given them the land was divided by divine decree among the families of the nation.

Large stones were used to mark the corners of land to make an undeniable landmark for the people.

The land belonged to God and it was His to give and divide as He saw fit. And so He did. No one coming along later had a right or the authority to change the boundaries by moving or removing the landmarks.

There are a number of warnings in Deuteronomy concerning this and also in other places in the Old Testament. Deut. 19:14; 27:17

If the landmarks were removed there was no reference to put them back into place.

To move or remove these stones was more than just trying to steal land it was a denial of God's authority to divide up the land as He saw fit.

It was the law of the land. It was the law of God and not even the king had the authority to change that.

But there have always been those who have determined that God either does not exist or that they do not have to obey His law.

- I. There are those inside who continue to attempt to undermine the will and the law of God.
 - A. They do so by denying who God and Jesus are.
 - B. They do so by denying the inspiration and authority of the Word of God.
 - C. They do so by twisting the Scriptures by their arguments and teachings.
 - D. They do so by denying the major doctrines of Salvation.
 1. The universality of sin and man's depraved condition.
 2. The need for a satisfaction of the wrath of God against sin.
 3. The truth of an eternal punishment of rebellion against God.
 4. The need and provision of a blood atonement for sin.
 5. The deity of Christ Jesus our Lord.
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- II. There are those on the outside who attempt to change the law.
 - A. They do not believe that there is a God.
 - B. Therefore there are no laws except what we say are laws.
 - C. The secular humanist thinks entirely different than the Christian.
 - D. There is no truth outside of what we find true for ourselves.
 - E. And everyone can have their own truth.
 - F. The supreme court decision is based on the idea that God and God's law do not exist and we can do what we want.
 - 1. From the dissenting opinion of Judge Roberts

The majority's decision is an act of will, not legal judgment. The right it announces has no basis in the Constitution or this Court's precedent. The majority expressly disclaims judicial "caution" and omits even a pretense of humility, openly relying on its desire to remake society according to its own "new insight" into the "nature of injustice." *Ante*, at 11, 23. As a result, the Court invalidates the marriage laws of more than half the States and orders the transformation of a social institution that has formed the basis of human society for millennia, for the Kalahari Bushmen and the Han Chinese, the Carthaginians and the Aztecs. Just who do we think we are?

- 2. Now children accross the nation will be coerced into learning this new morality.
- 3. It is government dictated immoral behavior.
- 4. Never before have we had anything like this.
- 5. God help us to reset those landmarks and not give in to the fallacy of the Supreme Court, or is that now just a bad joke.

The land actually belonged to God. When this was lost sight of, then men would attempt to claim it for themselves in ever increasing amounts. The landmark was a reminder, not only of property rights of the possessor, but of the ultimate owner—the Lord.

Boundaries are vital in the Christian life and in assembly testimony. Corinth was guilty of lost landmarks, blurred boundaries. What belonged outside the assembly—worldly philosophy, immorality, rivalry—had been brought into the assembly. Contrariwise, what belonged inside the boundaries—questions between brethren, fellowship (ch 10)—was being taken outside. Likewise, the boundary between the genders was being obscured (chs 11, 14) and an unscriptural boundary between rich and poor, the haves and the have-nots (ch 11), was being built.

Boundaries of assembly life are not merely traditions of men. "Which thy fathers have set" does not suggest an arbitrary determination which succeeding generations would improve upon. The fathers set the boundaries based on the lot which was given by God. They had divine authority for their landmarks.

The tendency of each generation is to question boundaries and to equate them with tradition. Slowly, the limits are pushed and boundaries are either moved or eliminated, at times in the name of Christian liberty. The wise plead with the reader to respect the boundaries which divine planning has erected and previous generations have respected.

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These landmarks were for Israel sacred things, for their possessions were staked off according to the Lord's will; to meddle with them was a transgression. While Israel, God's earthly people had landmarks, God's heavenly people also has landmarks of the heavenly realm, the blessed doctrines of the Word of God, which constitute the faith once and for all delivered unto the saints. And how man removes these landmarks in our day! How true it is, "Some remove the landmarks," that which our fathers cherished, believed and trusted in. The rationalist, the ritualist and the delusionist do it constantly and thus destroy the foundation upon which everything rests.

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