

Why Are You Transgressing The Commandment Of The LORD?

Numbers 14:41

I. By Doing What God Has Forbidden

Such As...

- Adam and Eve. (Gen. 2:16,17)
- Lot's wife. (Gen. 19:17; Lk. 17:32)
- The young prophet. (I Kings 13:9-10,15-18,21-24)
- Uzzah. (I Chron. 13:9-11)

Some do not want to hear what is "negative". (Ex. 20:1-17; Gal. 5:19ff; Heb. 10:25; Rev. 21:8; II Tim. 4:1-4)

II. By Disregarding What God Has Commanded

Consider...

- Israel initially failed to believe and take the land of Canaan. (Num. 13-14)
- Jonah refused at first to go to Nineveh. (Jonah 1-2)
- Moses failed to speak to the rock as God instructed. (Num. 20:7-12)

Many have or do not comply with God's instructions today. (Matt. 6:33; II Tim. 2:15; Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38; II Thess. 1:7-9;)

III. By Adding To What God Has Instructed

How God wants his word handled. (Deut. 4:2; II Jn. 9)

- God's silence is not permissive. (Heb. 7:12-14)

How some have added to God's word today:

- Instrumental music. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16)
- Infant baptism. (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:15-16)
- Human names and designations. (I Cor. 1:10-12)
- Other reasons for divorce/divorce and remarriage. (Matt. 19:3-9)
- Additions to the work God has given the church to do. (Eph. 4:11-16)

Rev. 22:18-19 → ...if any man shall add...if any man shall take away...God shall take away his part...

IV. By Subtracting From What God Has Instructed

Let's take note again of the statements made in Deut. 4:2 and Rev. 22:18-19)

Consider the following questions:

- Would Noah have obeyed God if he left off the third story of the ark? (Gen. 6:16,22)
- Would Israel have obeyed God if they had marched only 6 times around Jericho on the seventh day? Blow the trumpets? (Josh. 6:4, 20)
- Would Namaan have obeyed God if he had dipped 6 times in the Jordan River? (II Ki. 5:10,14)

Today, some would take away, baptism, faithfulness, hell, and many other things from the word of God.

V. By Substituting Something For What God Has Commanded

Just as...

- Cain substituted in sacrifice for what God had commanded. (Gen. 4:3-4; Heb. 11:4; Rom. 10:17)
- Nadab and Abihu substituted for what God had instructed in burning incense. (Lev. 10:1-3)

Some make substitutions today:

- Their personal likes in worship for what God has ordained. (Jn. 4:24)
- Their own agenda for God's work. (II Tim. 3:16-17)
- Their own schemes for God's plan. (Rom. 10:1-2; 1:16-17)