

## ~OBSERVES (135)

[English, watches, views, scrutinizes, monitors, studies, examines, surveys]

- So then, Jesus told them, that if anyone **observes** his word, by applying it in their lives and practicing it, then that one would never see death at all.
- Most truly I say to you, If anyone **observes** my word, he will never see death at all. (John 8:51)
- Yet Jesus' words inflamed them even further, and again they said, that now they were sure that he had a demon. So they said that Abraham died, and also all the prophets, yet he had said that anyone who **observes** his word, would not taste death at all.
- The Jews said to him; Now we do know you have a demon. Abraham died, also the prophets, but you say; If anyone **observes** my word, he will never taste death at all. (John 8:52)
- Then Jesus told them, that the ones who have his commandments, and who **observe** them, by putting them into practice, they are the ones that love him. Also he told them, that if anyone loves his Christ, then God will also love that one. Jesus then promised to love all such ones, and to come to them, and plainly show himself to them.
- He that has my commandments and **observes** them, that one is he who loves me. In turn he that loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and will plainly show myself to him. (John 14:21)
- Take a day like Thanksgiving. It is a day set aside to thank God for his bountiful provisions, a time when many people take from their excess, and help less fortunate ones. Is there anything against scriptural principles there. Certainly not!
- About true fasting Isaiah wrote; **Is it not the dividing of your bread out to the hungry one, and that you should bring the afflicted, homeless people into your house?** That, in case you should see someone naked, you must cover him, and that you should not hide yourself from your own flesh? (Isaiah 58:7)

- Thus he who **observes** the day, **observes** it to Yehowah. When men eat, they give thanks to Yehowah, and Christians do this daily, and at every meal. If some men, who are weaker or less advanced in this Christian progress, think that we need a special day to do this, then there is nothing wrong with this. What scriptural principle does it break?

- Actually it is the exercise of a fine principle as noted in Isaiah above, to help those less fortunate, and it honors God, from whom all blessings come. We should not only set aside one day to do this, but Christians should do this every day, as a matter of life. If the man who chooses not to take part in this celebration eats, then he also thanks God for his fare. Really though, we should not just invite family members and close relatives, but we should focus on inviting the poor, needy and homeless people, to really honor God.

- Is either wrong? Clearly no! But the man who calls himself a Christian who criticizes another Christian for observing, or for not observing, in a Thanksgiving Day celebration, is wrong. Why? Because he is finding fault with his brother, where there is no clear breaking of Christian principles. He has become his brother's judge, thus usurping Yehowah God.

- Is the Thanksgiving Day celebration carried on in Christendom today, a festival mandated by the Christian Greek Scriptures? No! But it is based up principles of the Law Covenant, which Christians always try to honor. It also honors God, as the giver of every good gift to mankind. If anything, Christians could bring it even more into line with Christian principles, by making it more of a day for helping needy ones. Thus taking the lead in doing the will of God.

- Do we have to **observe** it? Certainly not! Should any Christian look down on any other Christian, who either does, or does not, **observe** it? Certainly not. Seek to find out from Yehowah God through his spirit, what he wants you to do in life, and do not look to other men to dictate your life to you.

- He who **observes** the day observes it to Yehowah. Also, he who eats, eats to Yehowah, for he gives thanks to God, and he who does not eat does not eat to Yehowah, and yet gives thanks to God. (**Romans 14:6**)

- James then shows that to break one of the Law Covenant's many commandments is to break them all. Anyone doing so is an offender against Law.
- For whoever **observes** all the Law but makes a false step in one point, he has become an offender against them all. (**James 2:10**)
- The person who **observes** his commandments is the one who remains in union with the Christ, and the Christ will remain in union with all such ones. Anointed Christians therefore know that they are remaining in union with the Christ, owing to the Holy Spirit that he gives to them. This reassures their hearts and keeps them strong and firm for righteousness.
- Moreover, he who **observes** his commandments remains in union with him, and he in union with such one, and by this we gain the knowledge that he is remaining in union with us, owing to the spirit which he gave us. (**1 John 3:24**)
- We are about to enter the final part of the Great Tribulation, a time of stress and of extreme difficulty for all mankind, but especially for Jehovah's Witnesses.
- You will be outlawed in every nation and hunted and imprisoned. Your public preaching work will be stopped worldwide and your vast printing facilities will all be shut down.
- And to him that conquers and observes my deeds down to the end I will give authority over the nations. (**Revelation 2:26**)