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*for the New Testament Believer*

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## God Always Has a Pattern

### I. God has never changed His pattern

- A. He is the same yesterday, today, forever
  
- B. Jesus fought constantly with the traditions of His time
  
- C. We need to educate so we can overcome ignorance -
  - 1. Ignorance is our biggest foe
  
  - 2. Paul was consistently concerned about ignorance
    - a. Romans 1:13 - "Now I would not have you ignorant . . ."
    - b. Romans 10:3 - "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness . . ."
    - c. Romans 11:25 - "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant. . ."
    - d. I Corinthians 10:1 - "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant . . ."
    - e. I Corinthians 12:1 - "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."
    - f. I Corinthians 14:38 - "But if any man be ignorant . . ."
    - g. II Corinthians 1:8 - "For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant. . ."
    - h. II Corinthians 2:11 - "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."
    - i. I Thessalonians 4:13 - "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren . . ."
    - j. II Peter 3:5 - "For this they willingly are ignorant of . . ."
    - k. II Peter 3:8 - "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this thing . . ."
  
  - 3. Hide ignorance behind denominationalism

- D. Five Patterns God uses to reveal His truth  
(avenues of revelation from God - reveal Himself and His plan for man to you)
1. Tabernacle and its furnishings
  2. Priesthood and its garments
  3. Law
  4. Sacrificial systems
  5. 7 Feast Days
- E. When studying the Word - be led by the Spirit
1. Will tell us exactly what His word is saying
  2. The spirit will give us God's pattern
- F. John 5:46, 47 *"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"*
1. "God will send a prophet like unto me . . ."
  2. Moses wrote about the above 5 patterns
- G. We must find the patterns - decipher and follow them
- H. What about dispensation?
1. Pattern didn't change, dispensation changed - from Law to Grace
  2. Dispensation began at the cross
    - a. Old Testament saints were looking forward to the time when Jesus would come
    - b.
    - c. New Testament saints are looking back at when He did come
  3. The law was nailed to the cross - Jesus came to fulfill the law

## I. Must stay unified -

1. Psalm 133:1 *“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments.”*
2. Walking in the Spirit keeps us seeing the same things in the Bible

## II. Same atonement pattern

## A. Old Testament - blood sacrifice

- covers sin

## B. New Testament - Spiritual sacrifice

1. Takes away sin
2. John 1:29 *“...Behold the Lamb of God, which \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world.”*
3. Spiritual sacrifice is something you freely give.

## III. Tabernacle Pattern

## A. Outer Court

- |  |   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
| 1. Width - 50 cubits (across front and rear) | = | 100 cubits        |
|  |   | +                 |
| 2. Length - 100 cubits (sides)               | = | <u>200 cubits</u> |
|  |   | 300 cubits        |
| 3. Linen curtain - 5 cubits high             |   | <u>x 5 cubits</u> |

Total outer court area = 1500 cubits (from Moses to Jesus

1500 years)

## B. Holy Place

- 10 cubits high x 10 cubits wide x 20 cubits long = 2000 cubits (from Jesus to now)

## C. Holy of Holies

- 10 cubits high x 10 cubits wide x 10 cubits long = 1000 cubits (millennial reign of Christ)

D. 5 loaves and 2 fishes

*Mark 6:32-44 “And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. 32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. 33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. 34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. 35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: 36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. 37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? 38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. 39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. 40 **And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.** 41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. 42 And they did all eat, and were filled. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. 44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.”*

#### IV. The Pattern for the Church

A. Paul referred to Moses

*Acts 7:37-39 “This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 **This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: 39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt.”*

Church - *ekklēsia* - “the congregation of the people of Israel”

B. Moses revealed story of the church in his writings

*Exodus 3:1-4 “Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. 3 And **Moses said, I will now turn aside**, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.”*

**God is looking for people to turn aside and see what God is doing and what He wants you to do!**

*Exodus 25:1, 2 “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.”*

## **V. The Pattern for Worship**

- A. Give willingly
- B. No longer visitation - but habitation
- C. Build me a tabernacle
- D. Anointing - not only have the spirit with you, but in you
- E. Keep your eyes on God
- F. When we don't have a New Testament pattern, go to the Old Testament and reestablish the pattern God already gave us. He gave David the pattern.

*Psalms 150:1 “Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. 2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”*