Reasons for the Rules

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INTRODUCTION

- Or is it to protect us from getting hurt? Is it out of love?
- The parent-child relationship can sometimes be helpful in appreciating our relationship with our Heavenly Father.
- In the cases where he does reveal the reasons, we want to look at that a little bit tonight.

1 Rules in the Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2–17; Deuteronomy 5:15

- You had some commandments, but they're just given, and there's really no additional explanation given.
- There's some laws that were given where there's some consequences described, both good and bad.
- Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
- Whether the commandments are given explanation or not, they're all equally binding.

2 The Sabbath Was Made for Man

Exodus 35:2–3; Matthew 12:1–14; Mark 2:27

- The Sabbath day was not a reason to stop doing God's work for one thing.
- So then it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.
- Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.
- Man wasn't created just to keep commandments, the commandment was created to help man. That's true for all commandments.
- Keeping of the law is important, but what I'm trying to emphasize tonight is honoring the lawgiver who made it.

3 Why Should We Be Sober?

Ephesians 5:18–20; 1 Peter 4:1–5

- And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.
- So if your behavior doesn't make an unbeliever take notice, that should make us pause and think.
- We are supposed to be different. We're supposed to be teaching even through our actions and abstaining from this.
- Be of sober spirit, be on the alert, because your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

4 Do All Things Without Grumbling or Disputing

Philippians 2:14–16

- Do all things without grumbling or disputing, so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent.
- When we complain, we deny God's goodness.
- When we argue and complain all the time, we kind of discredit our testimony among unbelievers.
- It is a discouragement to those who try to lead us and instruct us in God's word.

5 Love One Another

1 John 4:7–21

- Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another.
- If someone says, I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar.
- God loved us, we should love our brother. So how we treat one another matters.

6 The Reason for the Rule of Baptism

Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4

- It's because it's for the forgiveness of sins. That's explained very plainly for us.
- We're putting away the old man, putting him to death, we're burying him in the waters of baptism, and we're raising him up into a new life, a new creature.

THE CHALLENGE

The question is, do we trust him enough to just obey him?

MY NOTES