ATTITUDES TOWARD THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION:

1. An ATTITUDE is the frame of mind one has toward a thing; a viewpoint or position.
2. Men have many different attitudes toward God’s Word.
3. These attitudes keep many from obedience.

I. THERE IS THE ATTITUDE OF REBELLION AGAINST WHAT GOD HAS SAID.

1. Israel rebelled against God. Isa. 1: 2 – 4; Jer. 6:16; II Tim. 4: 2 – 5
2. King Saul was rebellious against God. I Sam. 15: 2 – 3; 15: 8 – 9; 15: 13 – 23
3. The Jews of Christ’s day on earth were rebellious. John 5:40; Matt. 23: 37
4. Naaman was rebellious. II Kings 5: 10 – 14
5. Many today are rebellious against what God has said on the subjects of:
   (1) Baptism – Mk. 16: 15 – 16; Rom. 6: 3 – 4
   (2) The Church – Matt. 16: 18; Acts 2:47
   (3) Authority – Matt. 28:18; John 12: 48
   (4) The organization of the church – Phil. 1: 1; Acts 14:23
   (5) The mission of the church. Eph. 4: 11 – 12; I Tim. 3:15; I Tim. 5:16
   (6) How to live – Tit. 2: 11 – 12
   (7) On Divorce and remarriage – Matt. 19:9

II. THE ATTITUDE OF SUBSTITUTION

1. Cain had this attitude. Gen. 4: 3 – 5; Heb. 11: 4; I John 3:12
2. The Galations had substituted another gospel. Gal. 1: 6 – 9
   (1) Many do the same today.
3. Substitute other plans of salvation.
   
   (1) Prayer – Rom. 8:2; Matt. 7:21
   
   (2) Direct operation of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 1:16

4. Substitute other churches. Matt. 16:18

5. Substitute other works for the church – social gospel.

6. Substitute other standards to live by.

III. THE ATTITUDE OF PRESUMPTION

1. David warned about the sins that one commits because of this attitude. Ps. 19:13
   
   (1) Num. 15: 30 – 31

2. PRESUMPTION is to go beyond what is right or proper; to make encroachment.

3. To act without faith is presumptuous. II Cor. 5:7; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6

4. Acts of presumption today:
   
   (1) Instrumental music. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16
   
   (2) Church furnished entertainment.
   
   (3) Using the church as a welfare agency.

IV. THE ATTITUDE OF ADDING TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID.

1. We are told plainly about this sinful attitude. Rev. 22:18; Deut. 4:2

2. Many add to what God has commanded today on the subjects of:
   
   (1) Music in worship – God says sing. Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16
      
      A. Men have added the instrument.
   
   (2) Baptism, the act – God says it is a burial. Rom. 6:3 -4
      
      A. Men have added other acts of sprinkling and pouring.
V. THERE IS THE ATTITUDE OF SUBTRACTION.

1. Rev. 22: 19


3. People who eat the Lord’s Supper when they please. Acts 20:7

4. Men have tried to subtract baptism from the Lord’s plan of salvation. Mk. 16:16

5. “Continual cleansing” subtracts the second law of pardon.

VI. THERE IS THE ATTITUDE OF NEGLIGENCE.

1. Peter said he would not be negligent to put others in remembrance of God’s Word. II Pet. 1: 12

2. Many are negligent in their relationship to the Lord and His church.
   
   (1) In Attendance. Heb. 10:25

   (2) In Giving. I Cor. 16:1 – 2

   (3) In Work, Prayer, and Living

3. Many are negligent to the great salvation. Heb. 2:3

VII. THE ATTITUDE OF OBEDIENCE. I Sam. 15:22

1. Heb. 5: 8 – 9; Matt. 7:21

2. Rev. 2:10

3. II Cor. 5:7; I Cor. 15:58; Gal. 5:6; Rom. 1: 5; Gal. 2:16

CONCLUSION:

1. What is your attitude toward the word of God?