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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES"

PM - JORDAN GRAY

THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE BIBLE BOWL AND YOUTH DEVO

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY WILL BE APR 19. THERE WILL BE INVITATIONS
AVAILABLE TO HAND OUT**

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar 23: Liz Robbins

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mar 25: Kim & Gary Haynes

26: Jamie & Kristee McDonald

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES

(Hebrews 7:12-14)

I. Two important _____ concerning silence.

- A. We use silence in our _____ understanding of language.
- B. The 1st principle is: if one or more options out of a category are specified, silence about all other options in that category _____ them.
 - 1. Pharmacists fill a prescription based on what the doctor _____ not what he did not write.
 - 2. Notice this Biblical example - 1 Samuel 13:13 - Leviticus 1:7.
- C. Second principle is if a category is left open with nothing specified, we may choose any _____ in that category.

II. Old Testament evidence of silence prohibiting.

- A. Genesis 4:3-4.
 - 1. Abel's offering was by faith (Hebrews 11:4) - which comes by hearing (Romans 10:17) - not what was left _____.
 - 2. Cain's was what he wanted to give and was _____.
- B. Nadab and Abihu were _____ for not respecting God's silence (Leviticus 10:1-2).
- C. Why was Moses kept _____ of Promised Land?
 - 1. Was it not because He failed to _____ to the silence of God?
 - 2. If Moses had _____ the silence of God on this issue, Moses would probably have made it into the Promised Land.

III. New Testament evidence of silence prohibiting.

- A. 1 Corinthians 4:6 - we are not to go _____ the things which are written.
 - 1. If we go beyond what is written, we have gone into _____.
 - 2. Again, what is God saying when He hasn't said _____?
- B. Colossians 2:22-23 - _____ worship.
 - 1. Vine says it is _____ adopted worship whether unbidden or forbidden.
 - 2. If I can, with divine approval, _____ in the realm of silence, why can I not devise and prescribe for myself what I want?
- C. Notice Hebrews 8:4.
 - 1. Hebrews 7:14.
 - 2. God through Moses spake _____ about priests from Judah.
 - 3. Silence amounts to no _____.

IV. _____ of rejecting this principle.

- A. The consequence is I can do nearly _____ I want.

THE SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Bill Jackson

Surely one of the most effective and most scriptural, arguments the saints have made down through the years is that of the authority of the silence of the Scriptures. In hundreds of debates with proponents of every kind of error, audiences were shown that when God legislates in a certain area, making clear His requirements, then man has no authority to go beyond that, adding similar or like things to what God has specified. We have correctly used the gopher wood, the pitch, the dimensions of the ark, in the case of Noah (Gen. 6), and we have used the fruit of the vine and the bread on the Lord's table (Mat. 26:26-28) on the same point.

Of late, men are stating that there can be no argument based on "the silence of the Scriptures." As one put it, "Man is free to do any and everything that God has not specifically forbidden." And one other man, in the kingdom, said that "Any matter falling within the silence of the Scriptures should be treated as options, based on the rule of Romans 14." In correspondence with one in another state, and when the matter of dancing in worship was brought up, and our having no specific condemnation in the New Testament of such, his answer was that if the congregation's elders gave approval and if they then could see some benefit to be gained, it would be proper! Thus, the end to which one will be taken if he feels there can be no legitimate argument based on the SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES!

We know the argument we now are supporting is a legitimate one, for we find it used in the Word! In Hebrews 7, as the writer speaks of the priesthood of Christ under the New Testament, he states that there has been a change of the law, thus necessitating a change in the priesthood (v. 12). He speaks of our Lord coming from the tribe of Judah (v. 14), and in making then the point that the Lord could not be a priest if the law of Moses were still in effect, the writer states, "...of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood."

Thus, the argument is made that Jesus could not be a priest under the Old Testament law, because the Scriptures said nothing about one of Judah being a priest! Let us, as we continue to stress Biblical authority, and the right handling of

the Word (2 Tim. 2:15), also continually stress the SILENCE OF THE SCRIPTURES!