



THE OUTGIVERS MINISTRIES

ANCIENT BOUNDARIES

The previous generation has set boundaries in place.
Don't you dare move them just to benefit yourself.

Proverbs 22:28 TPT

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ANCIENT BOUNDARIES – WHAT ARE THEY?

- In the promised land, God allotted each tribe a place to settle and dwell within.
- Each family was assigned a specific acreage of land which was demarcated using stones as landmark.
- The boundaries were sacred because God had given them, and man was not supposed to move them.



ANCIENT BOUNDARIES

- Deuteronomy 19:14 NIV

Do not move your neighbor's boundary stone set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive in the land the LORD your God is giving you to possess.

- Deuteronomy 27:17 NIV

“Cursed is anyone who moves their neighbor's boundary stone.”
Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

- God does not want man to infringe upon the domain and right of another.



GOD'S BOUNDARIES ARE ANCIENT BOUNDARIES

1 John 3:4 KJV "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

- To transgress means to go beyond, to cross over a boundary
- God's boundaries are not up to us to move as we please
- What good is any boundary if people can move it as often as they like?
- God's boundaries establish His sovereignty over us
- Our adherence to God's boundaries speaks of our submission to Him

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GOD'S BOUNDARIES ARE FOUND IN THE WORD

1 Peter 1:22-25 MSG

²²⁻²⁵ Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, love one another as if your lives depended on it. Your new life is not like your old life. Your old birth came from mortal sperm; your new birth comes from God's living Word. Just think: a life conceived by God himself! That's why the prophet said,

The old life is a grass life,
its beauty as short-lived as wildflowers;
+ Grass dries up, flowers wilt,
○ God's Word goes on and on forever.

• This is the Word that conceived the new life in you.





GOD'S BOUNDARIES ARE FOUND IN THE WORD

- God's boundaries do not change from generation to generation
- God's boundaries are established by His unchanging word
- God's boundaries will remain in place until Christ comes again
- Matthew 24:35 TPT "The earth and sky will wear out and fade away before one word I speak loses its power or fails to accomplish its purpose."
- Matthew 24:35 NIV "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

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SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 1 – RAINBOW

Genesis 9:12-17

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come:

¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds,

¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 1 – RAINBOW

- The continual evil and wickedness of mankind invited the wrath of God (Genesis 6:5-12)
- Everything and every man was killed except Noah and his family, and the animals God asked him to take into the ark
- The rainbow first appeared as a sign of restraint of God's judgement
- The rainbow is our covenant sign to show that God will not destroy everyone and everything on earth again with a flood
- In 1978 the rainbow was branded as a flag to deceive mankind



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 2 – MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:21-24

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening.

²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

²³ "At last!" the man exclaimed.

"This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called 'woman,'
because she was taken from 'man.'"

²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 3 – SALVATION

- Salvation is not a gradual process; you are either saved or you are lost right now.
- Salvation is found only in Christ.
- John 14:6 NIV 'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'
- God gave Christ to mankind so that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)
- Forgiveness of sin, and salvation, must take place in the mind of God before it can be enjoyed in the mind of man.
- We don't decide in ourselves that we are saved. It is a relationship that mankind ascends to because God has forgiven him of his sins and established in His mind that the righteousness of Christ has been imputed on this person.





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 3 – SALVATION

Romans 8: 1-4 NIV

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 3 – SALVATION

- You are not condemned when you are in Christ
- Being caring, compassionate, upstanding, religious, full of good works and charitable deeds doesn't make you saved
- God has determined that those who are in Christ are reconciled to Him
- We just cannot move this ancient boundary
- When do we cross this boundary and come to Christ?



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

Galatians 3:24-27

²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,

²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.



COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION – A call to walk by faith, not by sight

Genesis 17:1-2 NKJV

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”

Genesis 17: 10-11 NKJV

¹⁰ This *is* My⁺ covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;

¹¹ and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be sign of the covenant between Me and you.





FATHER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Genesis 18:19 KJV

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

- A father must learn from God
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- God knows that Abraham will instruct his children to walk in His way
- After him – The instructions will extend beyond Abraham's death
- A father should be diligent in teaching his household to live godly lives
- A father must provide the right foundation for his household to build on





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

Galatians 3:27 NKJV

²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

- To preach salvation without baptism is moving the boundary
- We should preach the message of Christ's death, burial and resurrection
- This is the ⁺ message that causes the hearer's mind to burn inside
- Luke 24:32 NASB They said to one another, "Were our hearts not burning within us when He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

Romans 6:17-18 NKJV

¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

- Obedience from the heart is the line between being lost in sin and being free from sin
- The form or mold of doctrine or teaching has fundamental parts to it which must be communicated to the hearer.



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV

¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

- Christ died for our sins
- Christ was buried
- Christ rose again
- Christ procured our salvation
- We obey from the heart a form of doctrine with likeness of death, burial, and resurrection
- Let's see how Romans 6:3-5 captures this



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

- Romans 6:3-5
- ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection,



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 4 – BAPTISM

- We were MADE free from sin by the blood of Christ, His atoning work upon the cross, the power of His resurrection
- We were made free from sin WHEN we received the message of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection
- We were SAVED when we were baptized into Christ; in the likeness of His death, burial, and resurrection
- Mark 16:16 NKJV ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 5 – WORSHIP

- John 4:23-24 NKJV
- ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
- ²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
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- Originates from^o within – from the heart
- Sincere, motivated by our love for God and gratitude for all He has done
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- Cannot be mechanical or formalistic



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 5 – WORSHIP

- **In Spirit:** Philippians 3:3 NKJV
- ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,
- The Holy Spirit awakens in us an understanding of God's beauty and splendor and power
- He stirs us to celebrate and rejoice and give thanks
- He opens our eyes to see and savor all that God is for us in Christ
- He orchestrates our services and corporate praise and worship of God





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 5 – WORSHIP

- **In Truth**: John 17:17 NKJV
- ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
- Must conform to the revelation of God in Scripture
- Must be informed by Who God is and what He is like
- Must be by the light of what is true
- Not mindless or based in ignorance or based on what feels good
- Worship inconsistent with Scripture ultimately degenerates into idolatry



SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 5 – WORSHIP

- **In Spirit & In Truth**: Matthew 15:7-9 NKJV
- 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:
- 8 ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me.
- 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments men.’ ”
- Worship should engage and inflame your emotions and affections
- True worship engages the heart, the affections, the totality of our being
- Stirring up by error or false doctrine is worthless
- True worshipers are deeply emotional lovers of deep and sound doctrine





SOME OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES 5 – WORSHIP

We Become Like Who We Worship:

- 2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- Exodus 34:29-30 NKJV ²⁹ Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

- ³⁰ So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.



DISCERNING THE BLOOD OF JESUS



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