

"REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS"
PROVERBS 22:28

INTRO: We are living in a day of change. But that is NOT new! Every generation since the time Adam and Eve were on the earth has seen various elements of change. **BUT WE ARE LIVING IN AN ERA WHERE, IN MANY CASES, THE ENTIRE FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIETY ARE CHANGING!** And from the standpoint of the Word of God many of the changes are questionable, many of the changes are weakening to society, many of the changes are changing the direction of the church, and many of the changes are violations of God's will. Now, it must be remembered that NOT ALL CHANGE IS WRONG! SOME CHANGE IS GOOD! **BUT CHANGE THAT GOES AGAINST BIBLICAL STANDARDS ARE NOT ONLY WRONG BUT ARE SIN!** In Proverbs 22:28 the Word of God says, **"REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK, WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET."** That simple statement, when properly understood and practiced, will make a difference for godliness to individuals, families, churches and society in general.

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I. PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING, WHAT ARE THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS?

A. Historically speaking the ANCIENT LANDMARKS related to the land boundaries set for Israel - Deuteronomy 19:14. The Landmarks in Israel included three geographical locations.

1. Generally the entire Promised Inheritance
2. Specifically the location of each of the 12 Tribes of Israel
3. Personally the boundaries of each family

FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE THOSE LANDMARKS WE PERMANENT!

B. Spiritually speaking, the ANCIENT LANDMARKS relate to the BASIC TRUTH set forth in scripture, ESTABLISHED BY GOD, for godly living. When those LANDMARKS are violated, the Bible calls it a TRESPASS!

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II. PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, WHAT ARE THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS?

A. Sound Biblical Philosophy

1. The proper philosophy being FUNDAMENTALISM.
2. The improper philosophies include:
 - a. Modernism - In the early 1900's referred to a **critical questioning of the Word of God.**
 - b. Liberalism - In the 1920's referred to **basic denial of the Word of God.**
 - c. Evangelicalism - In the 1950's referred to **an attempt to formalize the Word of God through education and the "social Gospel."**
 - d. Neo-Evangelicalism - In the 1960's referred to **the compromise of the Word of God.**

B. Sound Biblical Doctrine

NOTE: **Includes the basic truths upon which FUNDAMENTALISM was built.**

1. The Inspiration of the Word of God
2. The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ
3. The Eternal Deity of Jesus Christ
4. The Sinfulness of the Human Race
5. The Salvation by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone
6. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ
7. The Eternal Judgment of the Lost and the Eternal Bliss of the Saved

C. Sound Personal Standards

1. Based upon the Authority of the Word of God
2. Grounded in Romans 12:1, 2

ILLUSTRATION:

III. PERSONALLY SPEAKING, WHAT ARE THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS?

A. The Proper Understanding of Biblical Truth

B. The Personal Adaptation of Biblical Values

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CONCLUSION: GOD EXPECTS THE LANDMARKS HE HAS SET TO BE MAINTAINED BY HIS CHILDREN.