

## THERE IS ONLY ONE LAW GIVER

**James 4:12** *There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?*

James was saying the same thing Paul said in Col. 2:16, that there is only one lawgiver, which is Adonai. He was saying this because of what the Pharisees had been teaching about Rabbinical laws.

Deuteronomy says we are not to add to or take away from the commandments. Yeshua addressed the Pharisees about this exact problem. They had taken their traditions (precepts) and made them more important than the commandments themselves.

There are many commandments that have no actual standards or conditions

applied to them. That determination is up to the individual, using common sense and moral judgement. If one however takes their individual standards and conditions and adds them to the biblical standards and conditions applied, we have a problem, we have added to the word. We added to or may have even changed the objective of the commandment. That's takes us back to when Yeshua said they preferred the conditions (precepts) of men rather than the commandments. They had been doing this because they thought they had the



authority to do so. They claimed that as the Rabbis of Israel, they had the authority to do so. This is exactly what we see the Pope proclaim in the Vatican. In this sense the Orthodox Jewish Rabbis and Roman Catholic priests are very similar. They want to take charge rather than let the Word be in charge, usually for financial benefit.

Paul said it well in when he said "let no one be your judge concerning the sabbath".

**Col. 2:16** *Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a **Sabbath day**.* These are all things clearly explained in the torah, don't worry about someone judging you when you do these things, they are proper and righteous.

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