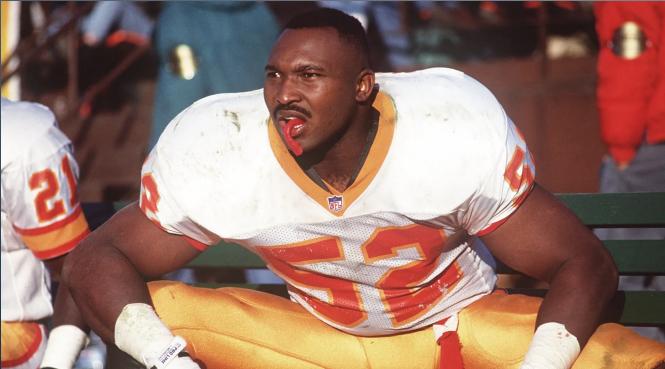
The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies. Leviticus 23:1-2

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:16-17

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Many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man. John 2:23-25

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Jesus told them, "My time has not yet arrived, but your time is always at hand. The world cannot hate you, but it does hate me because I testify about it—that its works are evil. Go up to the festival yourselves. I'm not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come." John 7:6-8



Jesus was a friend to sinners but he did not condone sin or concede to it.



After he had said these things, he stayed in Galilee. After his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not openly but secretly. John 7:9-10



The Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, "Where is he?" John 7:11

And there was a lot of murmuring about him among the crowds. Some were saying, "He's a good man." Others were saying, "No, on the contrary, he's deceiving the people." Still, nobody was talking publicly about him for fear of the Jews. John 7:12-13

When the festival was already half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. Then the Jews were amazed and said, "How is this man so learned, since he hasn't been trained?" John 7:14-15



Appeal to Authority

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The goal of the true seeker is to become a true finder.

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The one who speaks on his own seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. John 7:18

Didn't Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?" "You have a demon!" the crowd responded. "Who is trying to kill you?" "I performed one work, and you are all amazed," Jesus answered. John 7:19-21

"This is why Moses has given you circumcision—not that it comes from Moses but from the fathers—and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses won't be broken, are you angry at me because I made a man entirely well on the Sabbath? John 7:22-23



Stop judging according to outward appearances; rather judge according to righteous judgment." John 7:24



See where God is at work and join him.



To obey is better than sacrifice.