

Mark 2:27

And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.”

Do you sometimes think that God created all these rules, then He created man to see if he could follow them? I mean, if you read the books of Exodus through Deuteronomy, it seems like God has all these rules and we are supposed to keep them all. And some of them we wonder how He ever came up with them, and wonder, was God just making things up as He went along?

† **Leviticus 11:13 & 19** *And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.*

I don't know about you, but I never had a hankerin' for bat, yet God has it in His law.

Today people think of things like, *“I think I should have sex with my boyfriend or girlfriend before we get married to make sure we are compatible.”*

Sorry dude (or dudette), but compatibility has nothing to do with sex, because when you lose your job and can't pay the bills, do you really think that sex will fix everything? Or what about when your child is sick in the hospital with cancer, sex is not the comfort or fix for that either. No, you are just using that as an excuse to have sex now and even say that God messed up and is wrong for saying to wait until you are married to have sex.

The truth of it all is that God created man, but He did not create a bunch of rules to see if we could keep them, but rather to protect us. If you think about it, how many STD's (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) are out there and how many people have them. If we would just listen to God, then there wouldn't be any STDs.

I think it's because we think of them as a bunch of rules. But God never calls them rules. In fact, the word “rules” when used in the bible never means rules to follow as we use the term. No, it means one who is over another, such as:

† **Psalm 22:28** *For the kingdom is the LORD'S, And He rules over the nations.*

I only found one instance of the word “rules” how we usually think of it or use it:

† **2 Timothy 2:5** *And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.*

And this is only referring to sports. So no, there are no rules in the bible, only God's protection over all of us and His creation. Including, not eating a bat burger, or robin burger for lunch.

- † **Exodus 23:25 (NLT2)** *You must serve only the LORD your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness.*
- † **Jeremiah 29:11** *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*
- † **Psalm 32:8 (NLT2)** *The LORD says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.*
- † **Hebrews 13:17** *Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*