

## Beware Of The Traditions Of Man

As I went to prayer this morning December 21, 2002, I asked the Lord, like so many that have walked before, how much longer O'Lord are you going to allow lies and traditions to be rampant in your Body. Then in my mind this verse of a song started sounding—celebrate, celebrate, celebrate the death and the resurrection of the Lord. As I continued to speak to the Lord, I had other thoughts about that song and tried to follow on paper what my thoughts were. Needless to say I did not write much except a lot of questions. I said Lord 'here I am trying to do things by my spirit which doesn't work'. I heard the Lord chuckle at my remark, then the Lord spoke. I recorded and titled what he spoke —Beware of the Traditions of Man.

“I am the Lord God. Beware of these things. Yes, I sent my Son, born of woman. He had to be sent to die, for all flesh and blood must die until that day he comes again.

As always, many have been misled by listening to man and adopting traditions that are contrary to my Word. I have let these traditions multiply because of my love, grace and mercy in hopes man would find and follow my truth. The truth came not in spirit, but in flesh and blood and set the example of all to follow and do. And the truth that lived on this earth was not lost but recorded as the word of truth to be followed until the truth comes again in glory and power. My children misunderstood his birth and purpose and my children this day misunderstand his coming again. As my children rejected the truth the first time, many of my children will reject the truth upon the second coming.

Why do my children have these misconceptions? Traditions of man are the reason. Man makes the truth ineffective because the traditions of man are observed instead of the truth or traditions are mixed with the truth. As my Son, the truth, was rejected by many in Israel, my lights of truth will be rejected by many Christians today as I call them forward. They will be called workers of evil, workers of witchcraft sent by Satan. But they will prevail, for they have read the truth, found the truth and know the living truth personally by time in prayer. They will walk without the traditions of man being washed in the truth and lighted by the truth doing the works of the truth as spoken by the truth and by the examples of the living truth. The truth is the same yesterday, today and forever. The truth will prevail and in the end there will be only truth and the light of the truth.

Beware of what you celebrate and how you celebrate. Are you celebrating the traditions of man or the truth of the Word? If you know the truth, the truth will set you free. Know this, the truth was born of woman and died for all of mankind on the cross, arose the third day and will come again as King of kings and Lord of lords. What did the truth say to celebrate until the truth comes again? What did the truth say to do until the truth comes again? If we know the truth we will be doing the truth and not the traditions of man. Traditions of man caused the truth to be missed the first time the truth came and traditions of man will cause many to miss the truth the second time when the truth comes. Traditions of man cannot and never will replace my truth no matter how good it looks, sounds or smells. There is only one truth. That truth was born, died, arose and will return. My will in heaven will be on this earth. Blessed are those that are living and walking in the light of the truth and not the traditions of man.” Amen.

*Mark 7:5-13* **5** Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands? **6** He answered and said unto them, *Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. 9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 10 For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: 11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. 12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; 13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.* (KJV)

*Colossians 2:8* **8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (KJV)

*1 Peter 1:18* **18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (KJV)

As we see in the next two Scriptures, there is the tradition of Christ which is to be followed and not the traditions of man, which we are to stay away from.

*2 Thessalonians 2:15* **15** Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. (KJV)

*2 Thessalonians 3:6<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. (KJV)*

I close with what the Holy Spirit spoke in an interpretation from a dream on January 23, 2002. “..... I measured them with the measuring stick of my Word against their measuring stick of their man made doctrines. I will cover them for they do not measure up to my Word and they will be seen no more.”

*2 John 1:7-9<sup>7</sup> Many deceivers have gone out into the world. They do not believe that Jesus Christ came to earth in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Watch out, so that you do not lose the prize for which we have been working so hard. Be diligent so that you will receive your full reward. <sup>9</sup> For if you wander beyond the teaching of Christ, you will not have fellowship with God. But if you continue in the teaching of Christ, you will have fellowship with both the Father and the Son. (NLT)*

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