



## No more delay...

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**Luk 17:20-21** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

*Eph 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power...*

It is God's goal that we go on, beyond the elementary doctrines of Christ, to perfection in Christ, it is our individual and corporate destiny in this earth. It is the "end" goal that God

has purposed for His people in the earth. Then, Him showing forth His righteousness from within our hearts to a dark and dying world and thereby allowing Christ in us to, in fact, be the manifestation of God's wisdom, power and love to the world, through us.

The truth is the truth, no matter what we believe. However, as the Spirit of God opens the eyes of our understanding in these days, we may discover we have been stumbling over obstacles to the truth in the scriptures which have been placed there, by God. The "strong delusion" described in 2nd Thessalonians 2:11, is clearly such a mysterious obstacle.

It is clear that this mysterious obstacle, referenced in 2nd Thessalonians 2:11, is an obstacle sent by God to those who **would not receive the love of the truth**. Its purpose was to create a great delusion in those who reject the truth. This delusion or obstacle was sent by God so as to cause rebellious unbelievers to believe a lie and therefore they would be unable to see the truth. However, sadly, many Christians, also, have stumbled over this type of obstacle down through Church history and have chosen to believe the leavened teachings of others and not seek out the truth for themselves. Therefore, we are without excuse, because we can't say we did not have ample warning, as we will soon see.

As true Christians, His truth is ours by promise and it is our rightful inheritance: However, **there are conditions** to appropriation of the truth.

*Joh 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If** ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And (then) ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*

There are conditions to appropriation of the truth which the Church, in some cases, has not met.

The children of Israel had the same basic problem with appropriating Gods promises because they, generally, did not heed Gods warnings either and... with similar consequences. They fell away from the truth and accepted false doctrine (idols), in spite of Gods warnings. As a result; they were denied full and complete access to the promises of God. Their history is one of returning, renewal, revival and then; falling away, again and again, even unto the day that Christ was revealed to them by John the Baptist. This, also, sounds like the history of the Church. This is history repeating itself. Go figure!

*Ecc 1:9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.*

*Luk 21:8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.*

Or from Matthew's gospel;

*Mat 24:4 "Take heed, for many (teachers) shall come saying, "I am Christ" (that Jesus truly is; "the Christ") and just because some that will come (may be believers) and say; "I am the Christ", they still will deceive many (with false teaching), and this will begin to happen soon, therefore don't follow after them (or their teachings)."*

Soon after Jesus spoke these words, came the greatest dividing of time the world has ever acknowledged; B.C. /+ / A.D.. This event triggered the advent of Christian teachers (of all kinds) who started taking their versions of the gospel to the nations.

Judging from the general acceptance of doctrinal error in evidence today, the multitudes of doctrinal divisions and the resulting immaturity of the Church, I can only conclude; the Church has not been that careful about; "taking heed". The fruit of "taking heed" and being careful is, generally, not that visible in today's Church.

*Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

We truly need to "take heed". Biblical teachings that have been developed by anyone using the carnal mind to interpret biblical mysteries, deliberately hidden by God in the scriptures will, likely, generate divided opinions, controversy and disunity.

The truth will be challenged, also, by the carnal mind and will, also, create division; flesh vs Spirit. It is all out warfare in the spirit. However, ultimately, the truth will reign, because our carnal mind/flesh and blood will not be allowed to usurp Gods government (Kingdom) or share in the glory that is to be revealed in us. Nor can it sit forever on the throne that is reserved for God within His temple, **which we are.**

Should our hearts not burn within us when we hear the truth? The witness of the Spirit is beyond compare, and more valuable than gold and silver.

*Luk 24:32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

*Mar 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:*

We Christians, with God's help and direction, should purpose to expose, tear down and rebuild anything that we may have been taught that has been leavened by the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees and proffered by the flesh. And, we must not be as arrogant and presumptuous so as to believe there could be nothing in us of that nature.

*Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

*Jer 1:10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.*

Jesus also gave this "specific" warning to his followers;

***Mat 16:6 "Take heed and beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees".***

Leaven or as Jesus' followers learned by revelation as Jesus spoke this parable to them, is understood spiritually to mean doctrine.

The doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees was warned against by Jesus and therefore, on good authority, we can safely say it is; "false doctrine". It is false doctrine that will permeate the truth.

Think about trying to separate the tiny bit of leaven that is in a big batch of bread dough after it is ready to bake. Now we get some idea of the danger to the truth that leavened doctrine would create if allowed to come in. How then do we separate the leavened doctrine from the truth once it is in us? It can only be revealed and destroyed by and through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We certainly understand that belief of false doctrine is, in fact, an obstacle which must be removed from within us in order to be able to see, believe and apply the precious truth.

Therefore we start with the mystery or parable of leaven or false doctrine and can conclude that the leaven Jesus warned his followers about would be an obstacle.

Leavened doctrine is an obstacle for Jesus' followers against learning and applying the truth, **if**... they were not careful and "**take heed**" of His warnings.

Mat 16:v6 "Take heed and beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees".

The Pharisees of 30 A.D. were legalists, believing that the disposition of the heart was less vital than the outward act. Lawyers and exposition of the law grew to be extremely important, resulting in inherited precepts and interpretations with binding force, beyond the law of Moses.

The Sadducees, on the other hand, had yielded more to Greek influence and had adopted the principles of the Aristotelian philosophy and refused to accept any doctrine which they could not prove by pure reason.

It seems most Pharisees and Sadducees back then thought; physical or "literal". The carnal mind/flesh & blood, is not capable of understanding the spiritual mysteries deliberately hidden by God in natural types, metaphors and parables in the bible.

*Mar 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:*

Obstacles or mysteries of God are targeted for those "who are without" or those who refuse to believe (unbelievers). However, **Christians**, by not heeding the warnings by Jesus, Paul and Old Testament lessons about this type of error, **stumble over the same obstacles**. Even from the beginning, some folks back in church history, obviously, stumbled over this type of obstacle, fell for the lies and Christians have all been reaping the consequences, to one degree or another, ever since.

By now, this "leaven" has permeated much of our traditional church eschatology and has become a part of a large, complex, multi headed, doctrinal beast. We should be well aware by now; anyone who tries to understand the great mysteries of God with the carnal mind/the flesh, rather than by the revelation of the Spirit, will fail.

From Malachi to John the Baptist, perhaps some 400 years of prophetic silence ensued as the Jews looked for the Messiah who was to come.

Finally, the long awaited announcement came, through an Angel of God, to Mary of the coming birth of the Christ Child. Then, John came forth out of the wilderness, to prepare His way and announce His arrival.

From Moses to Malachi and from Malachi to Jesus, the Jewish people believed and looked forward to the coming of a Messiah. **Why then, when He finally came, would the Jewish people, as a whole, not recognize and acknowledge him?** Why did they reject him when he finally came and was revealed to be their promised Messiah?

Could it be it was because; He did not appear or manifest himself to them in the way in which the traditions of men and the religious leadership of those days had been teaching that he would?

Therefore: "He came unto his own" ...**"and his own received him not"**.

So...because of the traditions of men and the religious leaders of the day, the Jewish people, as a nation, would not recognize Him and ultimately rejected the very one God promised would come to deliver them.

**Many Jewish people** in these last days (the days since Jesus first came) continue to deny that He has already come and continue to look to the future for that which is **"at hand"** and has been at hand for over 2000 years. Jesus (*the Christ*), the Son of the living God, the promised Messiah, Emanuel (*God with us*), **has come** and his salvation is ...**"At Hand"**.

**Likewise; Many Christians** today, come in the name of Christ saying...**"Jesus is the Christ"**. They too, as the Jews of old, believe in the Messiah and the promises of God through His "old testament" prophets. Yet, they deny that His Kingdom **is come**. Still Insisting, like the Jews of old, that the promise of his coming in His Kingdom is still...**"in the future"**.

Like some interpretations of; Daniel 7:25; **"...a time and times and the dividing of time."**.... I have seen some crazy ideas for this one. However, I would submit this: The arrival of Jesus initiated the greatest division in times and changes in world cultures in the history of creation. It was; "a time (BC) and times (AD) and a dividing of these times. BC † AD God had arrived in the earth ...in Spirit and in Truth. This new culture in the earth would be established at this point in time and eternity and from that division in time henceforth it would grow, fill the earth and last... forever more.

... and like some interpretations of the image in Daniel 7:23-28; of the ten horned beast which deliberately distorts/ignores historic facts in order to promote a future fulfilment.

Man has dreamed up some pretty goofy interpretations for some Bible prophesies that, rightly, puts "the kingdom at hand". Since that does not fit their "doctrines of man" they must insist and quibble over a variety of interpretations that will put the fulfilment off into the future. This is error building on errors.

Not a lot of; **"the time is at hand"** or **"fulfilled"**, or **"fulfilled in Christ"**. Rather, mostly, man inspired, literal interpretations pushing lots of; **"in the very near future fulfillment"**.

These doctrines of men; seasoned with plenty of literal interpretations that originated with man, which, mostly, were passed down by man, to man, with little revelation of the truth by the Spirit of God. The Church cannot build on this kind of teaching because the foundations are built upon the hay, wood and stubble of man's understanding.

**The traditions of men are powerful and can be powerful obstacles to the truth and traditional, leavened, Church doctrine is no exception.**

Is there more to come in Christ in the future? Most certainly!! However, like the Jews of old; what are we missing in the meanwhile by overlooking the Kingdom that is.....  
"at hand"?

*Matthew/24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

**"I am Christ"** .....Don't all true Christians say..."**He is Christ**"? Jesus is the Christ!!! Christians, even true, well-meaning Christians, who come in the name of Christ, saying; "**He is Christ**", can and do ..."deceive many". They deceive many by repeating false or distorted teachings that have their origins in religious traditions which are laced with the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

The light of Christ in these days is arising on his people like; **"the morning sun that spreads upon the mountains"**. The morning light of the day of Christ is breaking on us, revealing that it is "Christ in us" that was purposed by God to be "the hope of glory" or the method to glorify the Father again, as Jesus did. While this light is arising on us, at the same time the world is still covered with gross darkness.



Let us see that He has come and His Kingdom (within us) is "at Hand". No more putting off into the future what is "at Hand" today...

### NO MORE DELAY

As we face the truth, there should be no more delay as we seek Him to establish His complete rule within our hearts.

*"And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! " (Rev 10:6)*

*"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Rev 22:10)*

*Lord, create in me a clean heart, for I cannot, by the efforts of my own flesh and from an evil heart, obey your laws. I commit this to you and trust, by faith that you will, in fact, bring to pass the full manifestation of your righteousness through me in your good time and for your glory.*

*Lord, reveal all of the mysterious obstacles and self-centered darkness which prevents or hinders your work in me. And, which I (my flesh) through the deceitfulness and stubborn self-rule of my desperately wicked heart have not acknowledged and have not submitted to be crucified with you.*

*Lord, reveal and consume with the spirit of your mouth, those things of dark motivations which sit in the place where you should sit and rule, within me.*

*Lord, destroy, with the brightness of your coming, the darkness in my heart and then may your light arise to full noonday within me, with no shadow of turning.*

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**"A time and times and the dividing of time"**

**"The ten horned beast"**