

LET'S DO THINGS GOD'S WAY, OURS DIDN'T WORK!

Part Two

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As man multiplied in number down through the ages his rebellious nature also grew. Today, thousands of years after man's fall in the garden, we have become the fullness of the gentiles or the worst of the heathens, very far from our original perfection. As mentioned in part one, we have to change! We cannot continue as we are and expect things to get better. The world is collapsing, and if we want to survive, we cannot be like it or a part of it. We must familiarize ourselves with God's plan for a new heaven and a new earth and join in the effort to help establish His Kingdom. To be a part of the covenants and recipients of the blessings of God, to experience the victory promised in the Word over and over and sealed with God's own blood, we must change.

The biggest change necessary for the success and restoration of mankind is receiving and acting on truth, thereby allowing God's covenant promises to penetrate the veil of religion and tradition that has been making the Word of God of no effect all these years. As an example, people have been bringing their tithes and offerings to the storehouse, man's churches for years, expecting the promise of Malachi 3:10 to appear for them.

Malachi 3:10

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and **pour out for you such blessing** that there **will not be room enough to receive it.**”

The promises however never seem to come about for most. But you see, there is a valid reason for this disappointment. The traditions of man make the Word of God of no effect, so nothing happens and the promises of God cannot be fulfilled.

In **Mark 7:13** Jesus says,

13 making the **word of God of no effect through your tradition** which you have **handed down.** And **many such things you do.**”

The church for the most part walks in more tradition than truth and is very defensive when asked to change. Each age of the church receives insight from God, but guess what, it is up to us to change as it is released. It is God's desire and plan that we go back to our once perfect state, but we will not get there singing “Give Me That Old Time Religion”.

As we read from Mark 7:13 above, the Word of God is of no effect in the lives of those ensnared in man's traditions, so, food for thought, where does that leave the traditional religious church concerning the Word of salvation? Is that Word of no effect? What about the Word promising renewal, and the Word promising restoration as seen in I Corinthians?

I Corinthians 15:51-54

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep (or die), but we shall all be changed (Not those steeped in religion and tradition however.)

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (what a glorious promise).

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” (God's Word will not come back void.)

But, this and all the other glorious promises of God will not happen for those trapped in the corrupt, loveless, hypocritical, lukewarm, compromisingly dead church. She has fallen into a category with the pagan religions of the world because of her love and interaction with the world. The old church,

beautiful in the eyes of the religious, full of long-standing beloved traditions, has become a part of Satan's Bride whose name is Babylon. She is the direct counterfeit of New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ.

Let us read **Revelation 18:2-3**.

2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “**Babylon** the great is **fallen**, is **fallen**, and has **become a dwelling place of demons**, a **prison** for **every foul spirit**, and a **cage** for **every unclean and hated bird** (Her sacrifices of worship are profane, unacceptable)!

3 For **all the nations** have **drunk of the wine** of the wrath of **her fornication**, **the kings of the earth** (man's governments) have **committed fornication with her**, and **the merchants** of the earth have **become rich** through the **abundance of her luxury**.” (She hoards God's money meant to be used to make known His covenants, and fulfill His promises of prosperity to His people.)

Please heed closely now the warning in **Revelation 18:4**.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “**Come out of her, my people**, lest **you** share in her sins, and lest **you** receive of her plagues.

As we saw in verse three above, this same religion is a part of, and very much behind, man's systems. It teaches God's people to look to their governments

for adjustments in the economy, and to seek higher education levels to solve the world's problems. What do we expect when imperfect men choose their leaders? Had we studied the Word closer we would have known we were out of order and not in God's will in selecting our own government within the church and over the world. Those God would direct the earth through are men and women anointed and appointed by Him that know and teach His will concerning finances, education and culture. The Kingdom of God should have been re-established long ago. Why this method, instituted by God, isn't in operation today is a situation that evolved from another very bad choice made by man thousands of years ago.

I Samuel 8:6-7, written somewhere around 1130BC, discloses the core of the problem.

6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “**Give us a king to judge us** (instead of God's chosen high priest). ” So Samuel prayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for **they have not rejected you**, but **they have rejected Me**, that **I should not reign over them**.

Let's face it people, we need God to reign over us. We are pathetic on our own! So where is God's government today?

Let us read **Isaiah 9:6** as he prophesied concerning God's government.

6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and **the government** will be upon **His shoulder**. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

So if the government is on His shoulder it must be the head of His body.

Now let us read **Ephesians 4:11-12**.

11 And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors** and **teachers**,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

His government is what we know today as the fivefold ministry. He is the head of the body through them. How many have been called to office that do not have a clue that they are a part of a one world government or that they are to unite in spirit so the Lord can flow through them to prepare the people for restoration. The government of God is referred to as the house of David or the tabernacle of David that will be raised as man's systems fall.

Acts 15:16-17

16 'After this **I will return** and will **rebuild the tabernacle of David**, which

has fallen down (God's government); **I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up** (the way He wants to);

17 **So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.**'

Isaiah 9:7 assures us God's government will succeed where man's government has failed.

7 Of the increase of His **government** and peace there will be no end, upon the **throne of David** and over His kingdom, to **order it** and **establish it** with judgment and justice from that time forward, even **forever**. The **zeal** of the **Lord of hosts** will **perform** this.

Again the Word warned us in **John 15:5**.

5 **“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

But that's a really wonderful Word of truth and comforting to know as we read **Colossians 1:27**.

27 To them God willed to make known what are the **riches of the glory of this mystery** among the **Gentiles**: which is **Christ in you**, the **hope of glory**.

He will manifest once again as the Word, to renew, restore and create a new heaven and earth through the true church. His Bride will be one with His body. Flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone, Jesus can then, in His full stature, live as the last Adam, with the church glorious, the church triumphant, safely inside even as Eve was originally in Adam. The early church was released from His side at death on the cross to birth Christianity. She was beautiful, but rebellious. The new creature born in the 8th day is again in Christ. He will bring her full circle to the garden where He will release God's family out of time into eternity to birth a new heaven and a new earth. That part of the church that refuses to change and be prepared as His Bride will experience His wrath. Remember, the zeal of the Lord will perform this. No more sorrow, no more pain, just peace and joy in the Holy Ghost for those that love the Word, keep His commandments and are changed into His image as in the beginning.

Revelation 21:4-5

4 And **God** will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death**, nor **sorrow**, nor **crying**. There shall be **no more pain**, for the former things have passed away.”

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, “**Behold, I make all things new.**” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

So let our closing thoughts be a plea to the church, in fact, all of humanity, to repent of our wrong thinking, ask God to resume choosing our leaders, and let truth change our minds and tear apart our traditions, so we can begin to do things God's way, **ours just plain didn't work!**

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