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Let Go of Tradition and Embrace Fulfillment

Futurist's, I want to speak plainly today about something that is keeping many from seeing the truth of the Gospel as it was delivered in its time. Some people simply do not want to change what they have been taught. They are bound by tradition, loyal to family teachings, and often take their family's word over the word of Christ.

Jesus addressed this mindset directly. In Matthew 10:37, He said, **"The one who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and the one who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."** Tradition is not the standard of truth. Jesus is. If your belief system cannot stand on His word alone, then it needs to be left behind.

Many people today are completely unaware that Jesus and His Apostles lived in what the Bible calls the **last days**, the **end of the age**. Hebrews 1:1-2 tells us: **"God, after He spoke long ago to our fathers in the**

prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son..." Notice that. **In these last days.** Not ours. Theirs.

Peter confirmed the same in Acts 2:16-17 when explaining the events of Pentecost: **"But this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel: And it shall be in the last days, God says, that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind..."** He did not say this would happen thousands of years later. He said, **"This is what was spoken."**

Yet today, futurists are still looking for a future coming. They deny that the coming of Christ happened when He said it would. Jesus said in Matthew 24:34, **"Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."** Either Jesus kept His word, or He did not. But futurists keep stretching the meaning of "generation" to somehow mean 2,000 years.

Because of that, many do not even know if they are truly saved or not. Why? Because their theology depends on a future event to finally make them secure. That is not the Gospel. The first-century saints knew they were in the last days and looked forward to the soon return of Christ to judge Jerusalem and establish His eternal kingdom.

Hebrews 9:26 confirms this, **"Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world, but now once at the consummation of the ages, He has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."** The **consummation of the ages** already happened. It is done. Jesus completed the work.

Yet the futurist world still has Satan and demons roaming the earth, wreaking havoc, and causing confusion. They believe the devil is still loose, even though Revelation 20:10 clearly says, **"And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone..."** Not will be. Was. That is the past tense. That is fulfillment.

1 John 3:8 says, **"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil."** Either Jesus succeeded or He failed. There is no in between. But futurists preach a weak Jesus and an undefeatable Satan. That is not the Bible. That is tradition.

What is worse, they are always trying to find ways to make plain words stretch across 2,000 years. They redefine "near," "at hand," "soon," and "shortly" to mean "eventually someday maybe." Revelation 1:1 and 1:3:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place..." "Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written in it, for the time is near." You cannot twist those words and still be honest with scripture.

And if you really want to settle it, take a look at **1 Corinthians 14:38** in the **King James Version: "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."** Some people simply do not want the truth. They love tradition, they love futurism, and they love confusion. But God is not the author of confusion.

Jesus came to fulfill every word of the law and prophets, just as He said. Luke 21:22: **"These are the days of vengeance, so that all things which have been written will be fulfilled."** Not some things. **All things.**

So I leave you with this: **Let go of family tradition. Let go of futurism. Let go of false hope. Embrace the truth of fulfilled prophecy. The kingdom has come. The work is finished. You are in Christ. Rest in Him.**

The one who has ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 11:15

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