

Colossians 2:8* 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.

WHY, did John the Baptist come condemning the religious order of his time? **WHY**, did Jesus condemn the religious leaders? **WHY** has God raised up many disciples that condemn the religious order, over the many years? (Pt 5:21) AND 2Ki 10:21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

You see, **MAN** is so easily led astray because they try to understand God in their natural (carnal) mind, instead of trusting the Holy Spirit to teach them the spiritual meaning of the scriptures.

John 2:27* But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

History teaches us that most of mankind is not consistent, look at all the various denominations that have sprung up just since Martin Luther. The first 40 or 50 years, they are fairly consistent. Then, mans thinking turns into that of a lawyer, **YOU KNOW**, they listen to Satan, the master deceiver. He uses the same tactics as he used on Eve,

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

He waits until man becomes complacent, in other words self centered in their achievements, or they take their eyes off Christ. Anytime you take your eyes **OFF** of Christ, **YOU OPEN** the door for Satan to have legal right to sift you like wheat. Remember, being tempted is not the problem, it is **HOW** you react to the temptation that makes the big difference. If you start to ponder (question) what God said or meant, you are then falling into Satans ploy. If Eve would have replied to the Devil, "**Yes he said we could eat of every tree EXCEPT this one**". **It would have been CASE CLOSED.**

Just in my life time, I can name four ministries that started out sincere and loving God. There were signs and wonders, many people believed in Jesus, and some still do today. **BUT** down the road, instead of keeping their eyes on Jesus and giving **HIM** all the praise and glory, they followed the sin of Lucifer and excepted the praise for themselves. Half of the people that were saved and healed through their ministry, kept their eyes and adoration on the **MAN**. The result is they are no more either, but the ones that really come to know Jesus are still going today. Unfortunately, many are still clinging to what they were when they began their ministry. The Lord warns us about leaders.

Isaiah 9:16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

The church started out in one accord, but within a few years it circum to Satans ploy, you know, "Is that what Jesus really meant?" And **MAN** has been questioning God ever since.

In the book of Revelation, (Chapters 2&3) Jesus tells of the seven churches that were in Asia at that time, and this was less than 70 years after Pentecost. Now I believe that we have these seven churches in every generation down throughout to our present time.

Revelation 1:20* The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.**

Which one of the seven churches **DO YOU BELONG TOO?** I don't care what you call yourself, a Baptist, a Lutheran, a Pentecost, a Methodist, an Adventist or whatever handle you go by, **YOU DO** fall into the category of one of these seven churches that Jesus is describing in chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation.

THE ONLY church he doesn't say, "I have somewhat against you" or reprimand, is the church of Philadelphia. **PLUS** he promises to keep them **FROM** the temptation that comes upon the whole world to try them.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

This scripture is one of others, to solidify the pretrib rapture, there are many that don't believe in the pretrib rapture. Well, to that I say, if it does occur, it doesn't matter how righteous **OR** unrighteous you are, **YOU AREN'T GOING** unless you believe.

I trust this will shed some light for you.

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