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# So What's Cooking IN CHRISTENDOM

*The cultural delicacies of idolatry are being prepared in the kitchens of human thought, baked in the ovens of human intellect, offering generous portions at the buffets of human deception, and consumed by man's insatiable appetite for human ignorance.*

— **Pastor Milton**

**H**as God not said, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:2-3, NASB)?

Good old-fashioned secularism—the land of Egypt, the house of slavery. It is pretty obvious that Christendom continues to order its meals from the menu of what the culture craftily calls “most delectable.” It burdens me to see how insensitive and numb shepherds and sheep alike have become to the things of God and His instructions to His people. Ultimately, accountability for setting God’s table and serving His meal falls on the leaders of the Church, primarily pastors.

Paul states in I Corinthians 6:12, “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable.” What we preach and teach, how we conduct worship, and the content of our worship are important and particular to God and fall on church leadership. In the Old Testament, God was very clear in His message to the prophets for Israel and her leaders, “. . .do not learn the way of the nations. . .” (Jeremiah 10:2, NASB). The “way of the nations” is flavored with evil, man-centered philosophy, ideology, and methodology designed to produce idols and not true worship nor true disciples—better known as the “next best thing.”

We’ve become gluttonous in our thinking that somehow we can mix worldly ways (Egypt) with the things of God and remain consecrated to the Most High God. We’ve been captured by the deception of the enemy that says, “If it’s good for ‘Egypt’ (culture), then it’s good for Christendom too.” Not according to Scripture. Jesus stated emphatically that His Kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). God reiterates the same instructions in 2 Chronicles

12:8 when He spared Israel from experiencing His full wrath to teach His children “. . .that they may learn the difference between My service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.” The two kingdoms have nothing in common.

Brothers, take heed. Let us prepare and be prepared by feasting on God’s Word and being in communion with Him through prayer and personal transformation as we boldly deliver the Word of God, not only from the pulpit but through every church artery that carries the truths of biblical instruction for growth to God’s people. We must listen intently and proclaim boldly His heart concerning our worship, programing, use of social media and its content, etc. All of these things we use in some way to teach, influence, persuade, and reflect Jesus to our congregations. Therefore, we must obey the voice of God as He feeds us that we might feed His sheep. God bless you all, and stay strong in the Lord!