

In Bondage Mentally and Emotionally to Human Tradition?



The sheep may not think they are intimidated, manipulated, controlled and in bondage to human tradition in the Institutional Church (organized religion) and emotionally attached. Here are just a few examples of such bondage:

1. How many times have you been told that you must *tithe* to your local church, and if you don't, God will curse you? Some are so deceitful that they can preach against tithing while still preaching about tithing!
2. How many times have you been told, "If you don't *attend church*' you do not have a *spiritual covering*? In other words, if you don't submit yourself to the one-man, self-titled seminary graduate of a local institutional system, the *devil is free to wreak havoc in your life*. This mind set can also be found in home churches, so be careful.
3. How many times have you been told it is a scriptural commandment that you **MUST** be in the *assembly together*?" What they really mean is, "You must **GO TO CHURCH** and given the when, where, and what time. If you don't do this, you are said to be *disobedient to God's commandments* when such commandments are not listed that we are disobeying.
4. How many times have you been told you **MUST OBEY** your pastor who has *rule over* you, and that if you disagree with his every word then you are in rebellion against God's "appointed and anointed authority?"

Yes, this is just part of the sacred cows taught behind the pulpits that are used to intimidate, manipulate and control God's sheep, who in return, repeat what they are taught, or what is implied and understood, to other sheep who may not know any better.

A few facts:

1. *Tithing* is nowhere commanded in the NT. (See: [The Tithes That Bind](#))
2. The "*covering*" is a lie. This somehow is to protect sheep from doctrinal error. This is not found in scripture. The lie about covering in institutional churches leads people to a false sense of security, which is more of a potential for error because they rely on *one man* to have all the truth. The covering makes the sheep lazy in that they won't search the scriptures for themselves. They leave their mind and responsibility to the man behind the pulpit. (See: [Who is Your Covering?](#))

3. Hebrews 10:25 has nothing to do with an obligation to attend Sunday Church service.

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Important things to note:

- It does NOT say “assembly.”
- A “specific meeting” is not identified
- The “place” is not specified nor the “time,” “frequency” or “length” of the meetings.

The passage in Hebrews isn’t talking about “church attendance” on a certain day of the week with a large group of people in a *church building* with added activities and entertainment.

Assembling together may consist of only 2 or 3 people.

Jesus said, ***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*** (Matt. 18:20)

4. ***“Obey them which have rule over you,”*** is a deliberate mistranslation by the King James Translators to preserve the then established religious hierarchy. To even dare say today that the King James TRANSLATION has an error may cost one to be disfellowshipped. This is just another *hierarchical authoritarian spirit* placed on other believers by some (not all) King James Onlyism Camp. It would be considered a sin to read from another translation or study from that translation. Jesus talked about SERVANTS, not *rulers lording it over the flock*. (See: [Obey Them](#))

I was brought up in the Catholic Church and one dare not question the priest. We have been taught not to contend with “those in authority”. After all, they are the graduates from Bible Seminary and more “qualified.” This is no different in Protestant churches. Out of all the different denominations in the world, who are we to believe, especially when “authorities” (and commentaries) disagree with each other on any given subject? The point is, your “authority” is no more authoritative than my “authority.” It’s just a silly semantical phrase that means absolutely nothing.

Hebrews 13:17 is simply the idea of allowing ourselves to be **persuaded** by the lifestyle of those who have been in the faith longer than we have. **Elders** are simply *older men* who are mature in the faith. It took no seminary degree to have this function. They will be recognized by those in the assembly by their lifestyle and faith. It has nothing to do with one aggressively asserting oneself as an authoritarian leader, which the scriptures clearly says the opposite. Our obedience is to Jesus alone, and we are to submit to one another. Jesus alone has true authority. An elder(s) (elderly man) can be wrong and the scriptures tell us how to approach an elder. (1 Tim. 5:1)

The one thing I notice when coming against the Institutional Church System, which is nothing but an illegitimate, Paganized, Romanized, Pope-modeled, Traditional, Man-made System that

has violated the very will and purpose of God for His ekklesia, is that you will come under attack and possibly lose “Christian” friends. When facts are given, there comes an assault on the messenger. They will try to discredit them (example above about being disobedient to God by being home alone instead of “going to church”) and hopefully squash the factual presentation in the eyes of others. They try to arouse the emotions of their readers against that person. They bring up “straw man” arguments and unfair characterization and will even carry it to the extreme by giving unfair comparisons. All they can do is abuse and ridicule the person to arouse emotional support from their readers. If it works, they have managed to stop their readers from thinking clearly and logically and searching the scriptures for themselves. But this is to be expected, and I hold no grudges, for I was once in the mind-set of the Institutional Church life, which is nothing more than Organized Religion- with organized thoughts and organized responses.

Enjoy “*Worship Service*,” which is another man-made tradition tracing back to pagan practices. Jesus nor the apostles encouraged or implied that disciples of Christ to build temples/church buildings for worship. Jesus declared that there would be a time where worship will not be tied to any particular location or building. (John 4:21-24) But this is another fact ignored where tradition rules over the plain words of our Lord Jesus.

See: [What Language Does Your Church Speak?](#)