



We serve no King, but God!
The Old Ship of Zion
(Self-made "lords" and "little gods"
are not deified, but defied!)

Jesus Christ is God's Commander in Chief
The Holy Ghost is earth's
Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces

Let my people go!
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GREATER THAN JOHN THE BAPTIST

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"For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." (Lk. 7:28)

Once the Bible Code is broken, you know of a certainty that no religion on earth can control "the cloud by day" and "the pillar of fire by night." (Ex. 13:21-22) *"And in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents...as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not."* (Num. 9:17-19)

My very first introduction to "the cloud" was when I was 21 years of age and classified 1A for the draft. I could at any time receive a letter from the President of the United States that commenced with "Greetings!" Before such a letter ever arrived, I received a dream to enlist in the Navy. I knew nothing about "clouds." I had just recently accepted my Lord as my Savior. Most of you would have attributed the dream to too much spaghetti at dinner! I was going to be drafted. The law of the land stated that every able-bodied man must serve his country. I was not a conscientious objector. I believed I was enlisting to fight the Japanese who had attacked my country at Pearl Harbor.

But God! God still rules in the affairs of men. Daniel, in the process of giving the interpretation of a dream to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, first blessed the God of heaven Who gave him a night vision that revealed the interpretation.

"Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: he revealeth the deep and secret things (like the king's dream): he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (Why would anyone go to a fortuneteller?)

I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, WHO HAST GIVEN ME WISDOM and might, and HAST MADE KNOWN UNTO ME now what we desired (inquired) of thee: for THOU HAST NOW MADE KNOWN unto us the king's matter.” (Dan. 2:20-23)

God derided the children of Israel, *“When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.” (Heb. 3:9-10)*

What are God’s ways? To correctly answer that question, God warns us that we are only pilgrims on a pilgrimage through this life. *“For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.” (Heb. 13:14)* No one ever caught the vision more plainly than John Bunyan when he wrote his immortal classic in a New Bedford jail, The Pilgrim’s Progress.

Supposing John the Baptist had built a castle alongside the highway to the Celestial City? Suppose he decided to put down roots and become a Baptist, a Methodist or a Pentecostal? This is why the scripture tells us, *“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” (Matt. 24:13)* In another portion of scripture it is described as “running a race.” *“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.” (1 Cor. 9:24)* The prize is eternal life. *“Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” (Heb. 12:1)*

Suppose Jesus had caved in and quit the race at Gethsemane when He prayed, *“O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.” (Matt. 26:39)* “This cup” represents that place on your pilgrimage in which you apply your own rational to settle down. After all, let us be reasonable! Man or woman, the very day you accepted Christ as your Savior, you put your hand to the plough to accept the call, “Follow me.” *“No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Lk. 9:62)*

The angels instructed Lot and his family, *“Escape for thy life; look not behind thee.” (Gen. 19:17)* The angels had set a race before Lot and his family. “Don’t look back,” because if you do, you’ll turn into a pillar of salt and die. Of course, Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) students can prove Lot’s wife went to heaven. They are magicians of Pharaoh’s court and can perform miracles in dissecting the scriptures.

With regards to DTS theology, Luke the physician warned, *“Remember Lot’s wife.” (Lk. 17:32)* Lot’s wife never finished the race set before her by angels, much like the warning issued by the government regarding Hurricane Katrina coming upon the Gulf Coast, “Flee the city!”

Again, DTS is much like our own Democrats in Congress. There is nothing to be concerned about! Jesus is coming in the morning. Forget the race that is set before you and rest in grace. There is nothing to do. Jesus did it all!

But, the Bible says, *“And let us not be weary in well doing.”* (Gal. 6:9) Again Paul warns the church, *“But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.”* (2 Thes. 3:13) Keep on keeping on! Don’t give up the ship! Join your testimony with St. Paul, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”* (2 Tim. 4:7)

Lot’s wife was on a journey and could not drink “the cup” the angels had given her. She didn’t pray the same prayer as Jesus, *“Let this cup pass from me.”* Instead, she drank from the cup and died. Her death is a constant reminder that the Church of the Closed Door is *“teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”* (Matt. 15:9) Lot’s wife believed DTS theology that she was eternally secure.

If you read the warning, *“Remember Lot’s wife”*, in context, you can readily see that you must be “enduring to the end” (Matt. 24:13) at the time of the rapture.

“But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.” (Heb. 3:6) *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”* (Heb. 9:28) As long as you are running, you’re still “looking”! It is only when you stop running and settle down into religion instead of continuing to follow “the cloud” (Ex. 13:21-22), that you are now “drinking the cup,” instead of asking God, *“Let this cup pass from me.”* (Matt. 26:39)

Jesus Christ was tempted to “drink the cup.” I’ll be 85 in January. When you’re older and your body no longer responds like it once did, you’re tempted to “drink the cup.” Call for Dr. Kevorkian and his suicide machine, I’m ready to “drink the cup!”

“Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?” (Gal. 5:7) *“Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* (2 Thes. 2:10-12) In loving the truth, in reality you love “The Truth.” *“I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”* (Jn. 14:6) On the other hand, Satan is the father of lies. *“When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”* (Jn. 8:44) When you believe a lie, Satan can then claim you as one of his own family.