

Stay in the Present

We have a strong desire to know the future so we can be more in control of our lives. That manifests in what appears to be a ‘good’ way in the Charismatic and Pentecostal systems where Christians are encouraged to find out their future using a prophet.

However, the question we should be asking ourselves is, “Are we supposed to put a lot of focus on knowing the future, even though prophecy is the purview¹ of believers?”

The answer to that question is to ask another question (just like Jesus of Nazareth did). That is, we should ask Father what his mind is on that matter. Actually, he’s already done it for us, so here’s what he’s said:

‘Refuse the temptation to project out into the future. Stay in the present, and do your best to have the patience to take one day at a time. Otherwise, you will construct a false narrative. Focus on living every day in relationship with Me, and be led by the Spirit. Be righteous.’²

You see, being in the Kingdom is about surrender to the Trinity, and living prosperously in their support and oversight. The surrender that they need (not require) is the following: our lives, possessions, finances, etc., and that includes our future. That means we surrender everything, but it’s not to become a slave or automaton. It’s so we count wholly-&-solely on them, in the form of reliance, not forced dependence.

In that surrender, we still have autonomy as humans and as sons. That outworks as we actively participate in partnership with the Trinity, rather than being passive, leaving everything to them. In that co-dependent relationship, we do what we have to do and what we know we can do, and we leave the remainder to them. This is how we live in peace and rest, because it eliminates striving, anxiety, stress and worry. (See “Lean On or Lean Into”³)

Notice in his message that putting reliance on knowing the future causes us (not may cause us) to construct false narratives. This is a trap that we can easily fall into, even with prophesy. That’s often the fate of those who ‘chase’ prophets to get their latest input. It’s no different to the compulsion to read horoscopes in the newspaper every day.

Life in the Kingdom (as I’m discovering more and more) is very simple. We’ve made it complex, even ‘spiritually’ complex, and that’s a false narrative within itself. We need to keep it simple (i.e. the KISS principle) and let go of the future and live day-to-day, trusting Father to look after everything that we aren’t responsible for or what we have no control over.

IMPORTANT: Notice in Father’s first message above, that he doesn’t say “Be holy”. He said, “Be righteous”⁴, which is fully in line with what he’s been teaching us recently. For example, he make the following remark to us at the start of this year:

*‘Remember, I’ve called you to a life of righteousness, to live in righteousness and to do things my way, the right way’⁵.*⁶

Notice there’s no legalism in that. There’s no qualification on what righteousness has to be which relates to following the Torah or the Ten Commandments. There’s no command to be righteous either, just advice to live that way.

See how different things are when you hear from him in the present time, rather than what’s in a holy book? He’s not interested in legalism or religion.

1 – “The extent or range of activity, function, power, or competence; scope. Range of understanding or experience”

www.wordnik.com/words/purview

2 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Mar. 28, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

3 – canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Lean-On-or-Lean-Into.pdf

4 – SEE: “Be Righteous” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Be-Righteous.pdf

5 – “The right way” is what righteousness means in the Kingdom. The right way is always Father’s way of doing, speaking and thinking.

6 – MESSAGE: “Become Unoffendable” (18-1-2023)

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-Become-Unoffendable-18-1-2023.pdf

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Father has said more on this topic since I published this article:

*“**Refuse to project out into the future; instead live each moment of the day as it comes.** I am with you every step of the way, says the Lord. When you try to predict what will happen or how it will happen, it will only be conjecture and will usually be wrong. Save your energy and stay in the present.”<sup>7</sup>*

*“...**Looking back will only serve to take you off course.** Focus on your spiritual purpose, and do not forget your ultimate goal.”<sup>8</sup>*

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

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7 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (April 5, 2023) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm](http://www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm)]  
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