

Divine Chess

Remembering Our Advantage

When playing the game of chess, one encounters the possibility of multiple moves – many possible ones, actually. And, as we also well know, the moves are made in light of a basic dynamic of the game, namely, ANOTHER player is involved. So while one makes moves, it's with the understanding the **other player** may not make *response moves* in the way (or ways) anticipated.

A similar (Note well: Pure analogies almost never exist, if they exist at all.) dynamic is found in **future strategy** efforts, a game that is played but often played very seriously by some because they know the future is indeed coming ... it's a *really real* thing.

Because there are many extraneous variables when it comes to projecting the future – mankind doesn't actually KNOW the future – plans made by these strategists may have to change. Unexpected things happen. It's the nature of this beast.

BUT here's where we enter into an entirely different *chess game*.

Are we, as God's people in Jesus Christ, wise enough to consider an additional dynamic when we play **Divine chess**? Do we truly believe the *but God* perspective, especially that He knows the actual future? Do we live our lives in light of this aspect of future things?

Christians often respond to this question in this way: "Of course we acknowledge this."

But do we really?

If we really include – if we truly believe – God's wisdom in this significant life game, we would live very differently than the way most of us are living today. If we honestly accept HIS special revelation, then His church doesn't have to worry about unanticipated corrections/changes. As the analogy goes, we don't have to concern ourselves with our opponents going in different directions (making different moves) than anticipated.

Pretty cool!

But some ask, "How so, especially given the many [failed words of counsel](#) on this matter of *end times*?"

This is our very point!

God KNOWS the actual future and has communicated key (most crucial) elements of the future to us – ones that will indeed come to pass. This is the dynamic of **Divine chess** because He does indeed know all things ... even the actual future.

Our appeal: There are a few conditions to our knowing (correctly) His revelation about future things.

If we care to retain GOD's big-picture wisdom which He graciously grants, we need to keep in mind the following:

1. We **MUST** play by His rules and not inject human strategy and opinion into the game. We must discern the incorrect plans and projections of some Christians because some of the teachings they herald are **NOT** in accord with what God has clearly written.

For example: Following the unbiblical game plans
of A. Preterit theology (and the practical application of this theological perspective: *End-time passages are not for today*)
of B. Pre-Tribulationism (and their tenet that Christians won't be on the earth during the time the antichrist seeks to rule)
of C. Pan-Mil / Pan-Trib (especially including this attitude: *We don't need to concern ourselves with end-of-days matters*),
following these game plans could **be deadly**.

If we base our *moves* on faulty theology (some examples listed immediately above), we're in jeopardy of losing this eternally significant game. Let's think on [end time] things that are actually True – Phil. 4:8.

2. We **MUST** avoid unbiblical extremes, especially those views which reject the other facets of the explicitly biblical gem.

For example: Affirming John 10:29, John 3:16, Romans 10:9 and other passages while at the same time rejecting I Tim. 4:1, Mt. 24:10, II Thes. 2:4 and other on-the-other-side-of-the-coin passages is also **potentially deadly**.

In other words, we must walk (that is, play the Divine chess game) in light of the **full** Counsel of God's actual Word, not based on opinions or interpretations of men, for partial truths can sometimes be used to entrap to the extent of eternally significant *checkmate* conclusions.

All we're saying here is this:

We must allow **God's revelation** about the *end of days* to be that which informs our understanding about future things. Because His Word will unfold just as He says, we need to be listening to HIS Words, not the words of some of the false prophets and false teachers today.

As we discern the false appeals, we can be confident (in God!) as we play the **Divine chess game using HIS actual Truths**.

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