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Dear fellow servant of the Lord,

Greetings from Australia. I am writing to you in Jesus Christ's name to ask you to examine scripture which the Church of God has ignored; verses which reveal the reason why we still await His coming! Years ago I chose to remain an anonymous voice in God's Church because we have all encountered instances where men have become the focus *instead* of Jesus Christ, but I have signed this with my name now, lest the lack of a name may prevent some of our brethren continuing to read.

Matthew 25:5, 'While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept'. The Bridegroom is delayed, and we have all been asleep. The word "tarried", from the Geek "chronizo" is translated as "delayed" or "was delaying" in many versions, though it can also mean "to spend or take time" or "to linger".

Why would the Lord delay His coming? Does the Bible provide the answer? 2 Peter 3:9, 'The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] and is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance'. Amplified Bible. It is not our Lord's choice, but *our* need to repent which has brought about the delay!

In fact, Jesus Christ is clearly scathing about His servants' dereliction of their duty, for they have allowed themselves to be blinded to His clear words, diverted from His commands by their adherence to 'doctrines of men' regarding the flow of End-Time events. If we say that we understand and practice God's words, but actually refuse some of His commands, like the Pharisees we become spiritually blind. John 9:40-41, ... "Are you saying we're blind?" "If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see', NLT.

We have ALL been guilty of ignoring those scriptures, from those in positions of leadership, authority and influence, to the most recent members of the congregation who have relied upon their leader's claims of God's guidance and inspiration. After you have read this message you may judge for yourself from God's own words if you are one of those 'slumbering watchmen' He so clearly condemns, for whom the door to the marriage will remain closed.

So, I pray that you will read Gods words, and bow before His will as it becomes apparent that the end of this age is rapidly approaching, that we might not find these words apply to us, 'Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy".

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PS. You may open the attached article *or* view it on the website.... I trust that whoever receives this communication will faithfully ensure that it is passed on to the head of the organisation. We will all be held accountable by our Lord for our personal response.