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BLIND OBEDIENCE?

We shared in the last article (The Majority Are Not Always Right), that the leaders of His own nation targeted Jesus Christ for discrimination and death. According to the Book of Acts, many members of the local church that Jesus Christ established in Jerusalem (His disciples) also faced discrimination and death. Many of them, like James, were killed because they followed biblical teachings and because they sought to share God's Divine Word with others (*Acts 12:1-5; Matthew 4:21*). The majority of the citizens allowed it to happen because their leaders convinced them that it was the right thing to do and they followed in blind obedience.

"¹All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. ²They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. ³They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you...

²⁹Then Jesus' disciples said, now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God. ³¹You believe at last! Jesus answered. ³²But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. ³³I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John chapter 16 The New International Version

If you have been following your leaders in blind obedience, my hope is that you might stop and question what they are leading you into so that you will not come under condemnation with them.