

Proclaiming the Gospel

Message
of
Jesus Christ

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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How Long Halt Ye Between Two Opinions?

It is time we get real with the Lord Jesus Christ. It is time we put down the façade, take off the mask, the covering of the life that is being lived, the ungodly thoughts, the ungodly ways that are being hidden – not from the Lord God, for He knows all. He knows our thoughts, our ways. Oft times, we are hiding them from ourselves – and we hope from others; we believe by covering them with scriptures and proper outward appearances and proper community positions that no one will know.

It is time we get real – no, not with other people, but with ourselves and the Lord Jesus Christ. If ye be for the Lord then be for Him – inside out: in your heart, in your mind, in your every thought, in your speech, in your actions, in the life you live.

Joshua said, Choose ye this day whom ye will serve.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell:** but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD (Josh 24.15).

Halting between the gods of this world and Jesus Christ is going with Satan. If one is halting between the Lord God Almighty and anything else, this puts the person in a precarious position if he is called out into eternity. To halt is not to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us look at a prophet who was powerful! He loved the Lord God so much that he cared not what anyone thought. He had the strength of the Lord in him and the holy boldness of God Almighty because his life aligned with the Word of the Lord God. He was focused on the Lord and not on another person. He was focused on the Lord and not on another way of life. He was focused on the Lord, and the ministry to which he was called was powerful because the Lord had called him. He put on the righteousness of the Lord. His life was indeed hidden in the Lord.

You may ask, Why are we not experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit as in times past? We have too long been halting between two opinions, and God's wrath is upon this nation because many claiming to be following the Lord Jesus Christ have halted and are halting between two opinions in their personal lives. Today is the day to turn to the Lord with all your heart, with fasting and with weeping and with mourning (Jl 2.12).

"... To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts..." (Heb 3.15).
Amen.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

This is Elijah who stood before the Israelites who turned their backs on the Lord God Almighty and were walking with Baal. The Israelites wondered why the dearth in the land. They were hopping along like birds flitting from bough to bough, not knowing where to settle – you might say, playing leap frog. They were walking as a lame person might walk, the body moving sometimes to one side and sometimes to another.

Elijah upbraided them for their inconsistency, their infidelity, and their weakness. They were double-minded! They were not serving the Lord God of Israel. Does any of this sound familiar?

The Lord Jesus Christ demands of us our all: our life, our thoughts, our ways, our actions, our speech, our whole heart. To divide your heart between the Lord and a person or thing or a god is to play with fire. If we divide our heart and give half to someone, some thing, a god, it is to give our whole heart to Satan. It matters not how religious a person is, how holy they “act,” and I do say, act; to give half to anything or any person is to give one’s whole heart to Satan. The Lord wants all of us – not just a part.

These people blasphemed the God of Israel, giving credit to Satan, to the gods they made with their hands, for bringing them out of Egypt (Neh 9.18). They continued halting between two opinions. Remember **none of these vile worshipers** made it to Canaan (Dt 1.35-38). Remember in Numbers 16 how the Lord opened the earth to take more of them who blasphemed the Lord God? Hear what is written in Deuteronomy 4.4: “But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *[are]* alive every one of you this day.” These are those who did not follow after other gods, but followed the Lord God in all things. They walked in His ways as He commanded, and they knew life in the Lord God Almighty throughout their lives.

People have multiple gods in their hearts – whether people, place, or thing. The Lord is calling His true body to come aside with Him and to walk the *Via Dolorosa*. Ezekiel writes of those with a divided heart like those with whom Elijah is speaking.

In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger (Eze 43:8).

Elijah was a fearless reformer; he rebuked kings (I K 21.20; II K 1.16); he was mighty in prayer (Ja 5.17). Elijah was a prophet of fire! Elijah was singleness of heart, mind, and soul. He was sold out for the Lord God – as we should be. Remember the Bible speaks of those having “the form of godliness but denying the power thereof” (II Tim 3.5). Oh, that is going on today, but **not so with Elijah**. Elijah was a man of strength, fearless as he went before King Ahab to announce a prolonged drought. Elijah obeyed the command of God in Christ Jesus to go to the wilderness by the brook Cherith and depended upon unclean

birds for his food, for his supplies. Elijah was a man of great faith whose faith was tested as the brook dried up. Elijah was a prophet of strength when he once again appeared before King Ahab and commanded him to summon the false prophets to Mount Carmel.

Read I Kings 18.19-21.

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *[be]* God, follow him: but if Baal, *[then]* follow him. And **the people answered him not a word** (IKi 18:21).

When a person’s heart is not turned to their spouse in marriage but turned to another person, it is called infidelity as is spoken of when Elijah said, “How long halt ye between two opinions?” I Kings 18.22-30 is powerful as we see those who are groping in darkness – even today.

And call ye on the name of your gods, and **I will call on the name of the LORD**: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken (IKi 18:24).

Elijah knew the living God and had no hesitancy to stand before the people and speak forth His Name and show forth his faith in the living God. Read I Kings 18.30-34.

And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *[that was]* broken down (IKi 18:30).

We need repair in our lives; we need to repent, to be cleansed, washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

Elijah loved the Lord God Almighty with his life, his whole heart. It was a love that trusted in the Lord, that had faith in the living God, that walked by faith and not by sight! He laid his life on the line because he knew that the Lord God in Jesus Christ is faithful. Elijah, this great prophet, was willing to put his life on the line as were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Dan 3).

Their lives speak of one God only, the true and living God. Elijah displayed his trust and love in His Lord. Oh, Jesus, help me to walk with You all the way with a heart that is not divided. Elijah displayed his undivided heart for the Lord God in I Kings 18.31-39. Read it!

Let me remind you of a modern day Elijah: Watchman Nee. Powerful was this man’s witness as was Elisha’s – even after death (II K 13.21)! Where, oh where is our faith; in whom is our faith found?

“How long halt ye between two opinions?”

If God be God in Christ Jesus, follow Him with your whole heart, live for Him, serve Him, praise Him, speak forth His Name. Begin today with singleness of heart unto the Lord God in Jesus Christ.