



Mighty in the Word

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*).

Edifying the Body of Christ (*Eph. 4.10-16*)

The Wise Still Seek Him

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God's Eternal Purpose for Us

The Lord is giving much to us, His Body, in His Word, and we are not writing it down; we are not taking notice. There are many messages that He gives us. One is on eternal things.

My colleague and I stand in need of prayer. We have asked for special prayer at times, and when it has not come, we have been discouraged. There is a voice, the voice of Satan that is running rampant. Remember, he fell from heaven with *one-third* of the other angels; he thought he could be God. When he fell, he became god to millions, this world and all of its systems – made up of people who are culpable – not the system, nor the computers, nor the government, nor ... (*Isaiah 14.12-15; Jude 6; Luke 10.18*).

The Lord has reminded us, of recent times, that we need to get our eyes off of ourselves, our health issues, and those coming against us for responding to the call of Jesus to follow Him all *The Way*. Jesus said that we are to take up our cross and follow Him – at all costs. I am not talking about walking in sin and calling it cross-bearing, as many do. I am talking about living in the holiness and righteousness of Jesus Christ. *Luke 14.26-27* is a passage that is not preached, and, certainly not in this day in the “churches.” How many times do we hear things in the Bible explained according to Satan’s standards, the world’s teachings (*Luke 14.26, 27*)?

If any *[man]* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Believe it or not, we two old widows seem to have the attention of a lot of people, a lot of predictions, gossip, hate, death wishes against us – all in the precious Name of Jesus. However, the sin is ours (**No, we are not walking in sin**). I am writing of our having, at times, walked with discouragement being dismayed. Our ears have been attuned, at times, to those of the world, the religious ones, the naysayers, more than Jesus. I am reminded of Nehemiah

The only thing that matters is God’s eternal plan – His purpose in your life and my life. How will you respond to the Lord Jesus Christ when He calls?

Perhaps all who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desire to walk with Him all *The Way* may want to pray this prayer with us (*Acts 7.59-60*).

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us of our sins of thoughts, words, and deeds. Help us to stand at the Cross of Calvary and know, there go I but for Your mercy, Jesus. Give us love for those who hurt us knowing that they do so out of their own hurt and need for You, Jesus. Amen.

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Come apart and rest (*Mark 6.31*).

who listened not to the self chosen soothsayers; he cared not what schemes they had; he was not distracted from that to which the Lord had called him.

The Lord awakened us in our spirits yesterday (April 1) to the fact that we have, at times, walked as Peter who took his eyes off of Jesus and began sinking in the water. The Lord reminded us that there is an eternal plan, and we are to look unto Him - though none go with us.

These words are powerful for those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who have repented of their sins, and are walking the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross*.

There is another sin in light of the eternal plan of the Lord Jesus Christ which will be addressed more fully, perhaps, in another message. But, let us be reminded that as we hear those standing on the pulpit giving forth motivational speeches from behind the pulpit; little or nothing is said about the Cross of Calvary, that Jesus died on the Cross, shed His precious blood for your sins and for our sins, for my sins. I have often preached over the years that unless I am willing to receive forgiveness for the “worst” of sinners at the Cross of Calvary, I, myself, cannot be forgiven (Mt 5.43-45).

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

I am using a lot of scriptures because it is the Word of the Lord that goeth forth in transforming power and might. How many of you repeat the model prayer (better known as the Lord’s prayer in John 17)? How many of you have read the next verse or two following Matthew 6.13?

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

We need to be aware that the Lord Jesus calls us to higher things, eternal things, the Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 35). We are called to live with Jesus eternally and to respond to the call of His eternal purpose for His glory and for our good – but not according to our limited understanding of what is good for us or His glory for His ways and thoughts are not as are ours (Isa 55.6-8).

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts [*are*] not your thoughts, neither [*are*] your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For [*as*] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

We are aware that as we repent of our sins daily, we need to move on with the Lord Jesus Christ and pray for those who have come against us as I am reminded of what the Lord God said to Samuel (I Sam 8.7):

And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

I recall an occasion in the pastorate when I felt so overwhelmingly rejected, and the Lord spoke clearly to me, “they are not rejecting you. They are rejecting Me.” Beloved, knowing that and the truth of it, did not make it easier to walk on trusting the Lord with my life and all that was about to happen – though it should have. I am sad to say that it does not get easier with age. Satan tries harder; but I continue asking the Lord to forgive me and help me determine to look unto Him for all things and in all things – caring not for myself, what is said or done. Lord, help me to love “one another” regardless of the evil that can come out of words (Pro 18.21) – knowing it is You, Lord God, who is our strong tower to which we **must** run (Pro 18.10).

Jesus said in John 13.34, 35,

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all [*men*] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

We must go to the reverse side of the cross and see through the heart of God the members in the Body of Christ who say and do evil things out of the promptings of Satan. They do so because they are hurting. Yes, they are listening to Satan, but they are hurting and need to be encouraged in the Word of the Lord. Encouragement can mean speaking forth the Truth for the Truth of God in Christ Jesus sets us free. When we go to the reverse side of the Cross we will see through the heart of Jesus Christ and weep with Him.

It is imperative that we listen well to Nehemiah who, when the enemy sought to distract him responded with, “...I [*am*] doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?” Take time to read Nehemiah, especially Chapter Six.