



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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The Fatted Calf Prepared for You

We live in a day and age in which eternal things are no longer thought of, no longer preached, no longer taught, no longer lived. The Word teaches and admonishes and reminds and exhorts us to live, to dwell, to abide in Jesus which will bring us to living according to the Lord's eternal plan.

Our eyes are not to be upon each other. Our eyes are to be upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are to walk in the Spirit (Rom 8). We are not to let the world beat us down. Why is it that the world, the enemy, is able to wear us down? How is it that the world is able to convince us that we are not understanding of them when we do not bend the way the world has chosen – as though we are to walk with them and bend with them? The Lord God has called us to walk **with Him** in obedience to His Word – not with the world.

Satan works hard at discouraging us, coming against us as he did Job. He knows wherein our weakness lies. Notice that the enemy comes not against those walking with him, but those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, those who are willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus all the way – regardless of the cost. It is easy to become discouraged and look down. Satan knows how to distract us from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember that Jesus when He was led into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan was led there immediately after His baptism. Also, he was tempted after He had fasted for 40 days and nights. But, also recall that Jesus responded with the Word of God. Satan used, uh – misused the Word, but Jesus responded with the Word of God in context. There was no power when the Word came forth out of Satan's mouth; but there was great power when it came from the Living Word, Jesus Christ.

Satan had no power over Jesus Christ. He is the father of deceit and made false promises to Jesus – as though he had the power. Read the passage. We need to awaken to the fact that any word coming from Satan is weak, without power, and to no avail – UNLESS we choose to give Satan and his words power. We

Lord, help us to realize that when people hurt us that it is out of their own hurt and need for You, Lord. Help us to pray more for them. I once read that we have not really prayed for someone, for those who persecute us and say all manner of evil against us until we have prayed, Lord, bless *them* so much that they are happier and holier than we are. It is then that the world will be turned around for You, Jesus, as we all then shall walk rejoicing in the Fatted Calf that You prepared for us, and the world shall know that we are His disciples by our love one for another. In the Name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31

need only to turn to Jesus and begin knowing that the power lies in the Word of God in Christ Jesus (Lk 10.18-20). I am reminded of the song, “We’ve got the power in the Name of Jesus.”

My prayer is that the Lord forgives me when I have taken my eyes off Jesus Christ. We need to be in the Word and ever mindful that we are to be about our Father’s business. Let the world laugh at us. Let them mock us. Let us be able to say, Let them put me away in a psychiatric ward or wherever they want, but I am walking on with the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us focus on the Lord and what He wants and allows – knowing that if I am walking in the Spirit, the Lord will accomplish what He wants in and through me – touching the lives of others and bringing them into the eternal plan that has been before the foundation of the world, for He is before the foundation of the world.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the stone that Daniel speaks of that was hewn out of the mountain without hands. He is God. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He has won the victory for His glory. Read Revelation, and you shall see that the Lord reigns now and forevermore.

We need to rejoice though all shall fail. Habakkuk said, "Though all shall fail, yet will I rejoice in the God of my salvation. Though there is nothing to eat, though there are no horses in the stall" (Hab 3.17-18). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said, Our God is able. **Our God is able** – but if not (Dan 3.17-18).

The “but if not” is so hard. We need to be able to pray, Lord, and if You choose not to deliver us from the fiery furnace in the way the world expects, and as I so often live into their expectation, help me to rejoice as Abraham did, as Noah did, as Paul did. Oh, my Jesus, let that revival break out in me, and in us, as You choose to use us that we shall not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation.

Lord, help us not to be lukewarm like Laodicea. But, help us to be on fire for You, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Help us to be Luke-warm (II Tim 4.11). Help us, Lord, to go and do whatever You want - though we shall lose everyone whether it be family, friends, and those in the “church.” Help us not to care, but help us to love You so much and to fear You so much that we fear no man, no person, that we shall walk on, that we shall arise and walk on even if we lose everything. The Word says “Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee (Jon 3.2).

Help us to know Your bidding and to do it with joy. Lord, there’s a world that is lost and dying. We have lost sight of eternal things. We have lost sight of those who do not know You as Lord and Savior to include those of our family, our friends and the “church.”

I remember on that bus ride going up to Jerusalem many years ago when I heard the question, as El AL was preparing for take-off, “Who are you leaving

behind? Who is it that you are not bringing with you?” How glorious, how glorious to go to the New Jerusalem, and, yet, who are we leaving behind because we are not on fire for the Lord. We’re too busy defending ourselves. We’re too busy being brought down by Satan, the world, and those people who are against us – when our hearts need to have pity for them and for what they are missing in the eternal plan.

Lord, don’t let us miss You. Help us, Lord, to walk with You. There’s an Ai and a Jericho that needs to be fought, the battle fought (Jos 8.1, 2). We need to be fighting that battle in Your strength knowing that there is an army around us fighting on our behalf - as there was with the children of Israel.

We need to be as Abraham who said regarding Sodom and Gomorrah: Lord, if there are ten righteous, if there be just ten, would You spare them (Gen 18.32)? Lord God, help us to awaken and be in Your Word as never before, in You, that Your anointing shall flow and that the world shall begin seeing, Lord, little groups, the Body of Christ, but they’ll see them in small groups here and there, **in power**, for Your Word is going forth in power because of Your presence, and Your indwelling in the Body of Christ, Your Body. Oh, my Jesus, my Jesus. My Jesus, my Jesus, my Jesus, my Jesus. We don’t even begin to understand the Cross of Calvary. We don’t even know or realize how we need to “Kneel at the Cross” and know that that Cross is not just for me. It is for the whole world that they might turn to you – each one personally. Lord, You have called us to compel them to come into Your presence because of the Mercy Seat, the Cross (Luke 14.23). Thank You, Jesus.

How like the prodigal son I am, and, yet, like the elder brother I am also. Forgive me. And there You stand, the Father, Your arms wide open for all who will come. Thank You, Jesus. And You prepared the fatted calf for us, Lord. Oh, my Jesus, You prepared the fatted calf for us. (Oh, yes, I hear sung “I Claim the Blood.”) “When I need healing.” Oh, yes, “when I need healing, I claim those precious blood stains.”

We’ve asked for the wrong thing. We continue begging for healing. When we are in the presence of the Healer, we don’t have to ask, but Lord, we do need to be out winning souls for You, “Bringing in the Sheaves” – not just when it is convenient. We have not taken into consideration the eternal plan You have.

We’re talking about everything, Lord, but what You want, I fear. Forgive us. Jesus, let us tell others about the fatted calf prepared for them, Lord – and for us. Let our thoughts be Your thoughts; our hearts be Your heart; our spirits, our bodies, everything about us be Yours, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Oh, Lord, all that we have; we have nothing; it is all Yours. Guide us, Lord to do what You want of us. Help us to have eyes to behold Your glory – and to walk with You, to

walk by faith. Give us hearts that walk in obedience, Lord. Give us ears that hear
(*yn 'sh* shâma') You. Thank You, Jesus.