



# 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).

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## They Spake Often One to Another Part III

The Word of God tells us that "**they that feared the Lord spake often one to another**" (Mal 3.10). We could leave this phrase and all smile and say, indeed! There are those in the body of Christ who speak often one to another, but... what are they saying "one to another"?

Let us look at the distinction made between the righteous and the wicked. Oh, how cunning the enemy is as he plants half truths in the mouth of his followers. The enemy speaks words that sound so good, but are so evil (Mal 3.13-15).

Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken [*so much*] against thee?

Ye have said, It [*is*] vain to serve God: and what profit [*is it*] that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, [*they that*] tempt God are even delivered.

We as followers of Jesus Christ need to have ears to discern the Truth of God in Christ Jesus, and walk with the body of Christ – speaking often one to another of the Lord as is given to us in Malachi, but also we find this in Acts Two where the body came together in the Lord to search the scriptures and break bread together.

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard [*it*], and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Then shall ye return, and **discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not** (Mal 3.16-18).

It is not the position people have, whether standing behind a pulpit or out in the community working, that determines the righteous from the wicked. It is the life lived and the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached with the life lived for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, how worship of the Lord Jesus Christ is being destroyed today with all that is said from those standing on the pulpitum – as well as what is not preached from the pulpit. How often do the meetings inside that square building sound like the world, the "music," the words that go forth? How often are the people encouraged

I believe it was John Wesley who had meetings weekly where the body of Christ came together. The question was placed before each of them: "How goes it with your soul?" Their sharing was brief from the week before of a specific response to "How goes it with your soul?" It was not chit-chat. It was going deep within your soul to know where you stood during the week with the Lord – not all the "stuff" about your neighbors and family. It was about you and your soul.

Oh, I think that question is appropriate for us today. How goes it with your soul?

**When speaking one to another, what is it you say?**

**What is it you are hearing?**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

to walk on as they have been following the world! How often is it said or inferred that keep on going your way as God (some god) will get you to where you need to be. Just keep having a good time. How long since you heard of "The Love of God" in Christ Jesus, how Jesus came and was crucified on the Cross of Calvary, died, was buried, and rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave – because of His love for all who will seek Him. Then, how often have you heard what the Lord God demands of you (Mt 16.24-26):

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *[man]* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

And when he had called the people *[unto him]* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me (Mk 8.34).

And he said to *[them]* all, If any *[man]* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me (Lk 9.23).

Is not there a song "out there" that says because He (Jesus) was condemned, I am saved? These kinds of choruses, songs, are sung in the square building blessed by those standing on the pulpitum.

**Jesus Christ was not only condemned,** He was crucified on the Cross of Calvary for our sins. Why are we discarding the Cross of Calvary and the Blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from all unrighteousness – if we repent of our sins and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to come into our lives to live, to be our Lord and Savior?

Oh, the false Christs that exist today in the square buildings!

The old hymns are no longer sung, but there is one that comes to mind.

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Do you rest each moment in the crucified?

Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

Chorus:

Are you washed in the blood,

In the soul cleansing blood of the lamb?

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

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Space in this *Message* does not allow me to type all the stanzas, but they are all worth reading – and singing. I invite you to seek the music that is of the Lord

Jesus Christ, the music that preaches the truth from the Bible. Do not be led astray by those who would sell you false teachings. A half truth is a lie straight from Satan.

Malachi 3.13-18 is significant for us today. There were those who were aware of the false teachings, teachings that were damning people's souls to hell. Oh, today we are taught not to fear anything, but I say to you we need to be as those in the days of Malachi and come together seeking the truth of the Lord. The Word of God is our standard, our plumbline, that we might know the wickedness of the enemy and run to the Lord and His born again believers (Jn 3.3).

Malachi 3.16-18 is a passage I believe we need to read and re-read.

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There were few godly people in the days of Malachi who knew what was going on and they understood what we need to know. God's vengeance is coming as the people have turned away, walked away, from the Lord God and are corrupt, are following the enemy, Satan, and his followers.

Those that feared the Lord, who loved the Lord, who reverence Him, sought to come together that they might be strengthened as the enemy sought to pull anyone his way that would listen. Satan knows all he has to do is get your attention with a half truth, and if you are not strong in the Word of God to discern the half truths, you will be a follower of Satan.

The people came together that they might strengthen each other and together "discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serves God and him that serves him not." Oh, let us come together to strengthen each other in the Lord, in His Holy Word, that we might recognize immediately the vile half truths – and not turn aside to the enemy as it is death to walk with the enemy.

We need to think on the Name of the Lord, know how precious His name is, how sacred, how holy His Name is. Malachi writes that the Lord hearkened to their conversations; He heard their hearts "and a book of remembrance was written for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name."

Oh, that we would think upon the Lord, that He would be in our hearts, first on our hearts and minds, and that we would speak of Him. The Name of God is power, omniscience, justice, goodness, mercy, and Truth. Oh, if we would think upon His Name and sit with the Lord, sit quietly in His presence, and listen to His heart, we would be strengthened in Him.