



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" (I Cor. 1.18).*

*Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)
The Wise Still Seek Him*

*of the
Lord
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Hide For Fear of the Lord

Part I

Reading the Word of the Lord concerning the children of Israel sounds much like today. Recall the children of Israel imploring Aaron to make an idol of gold while Moses was on the mountain receiving the Ten Commandments? When a leader is away on a mission, how many times is there someone who wants to take over who thinks they "can do it better." They want the power. Then there are those weak enough to accommodate the situation.

Reading the New Testament sounds like today in many places, such as in Acts where we read of the gods of this world.

I am reminded of Psalm 115 in which we read the Truth concerning the Truth of God in Christ Jesus. He makes it clear that idols, which are man made, are like those that make them - and those that trust in them (Ps 115.4-8).

Their idols *[are]* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:
They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:
They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
They that make them are like unto them; *[so is]* every one that trusteth in them.

As the children of Israel came out of Egypt, and had long been with those who had idols, false gods, who have no power, that cannot see, cannot hear, and cannot speak, they *seemingly* turn to desiring what the world has. They continue building relationships with those whose gods are made with hands and tools, gods who are a figment of one's imagination.

People are continuing to live this way today, as we hear, and have heard much in the past, that we need to get to know other people better, - and we need to understand their ways. This has been happening so much that have not even the schools brought such thinking and teaching into the schools trying to get the youth to understand the people of other countries and their gods? Calling it - uh - is it learning about other cultures?

And, have we not heard that God loves everyone; therefore, we must join everyone and open the doors to them for dialogue, learning, kindness, understanding of their culture, their religions, thus weakening one's beliefs in the One and only True God Who is alive for evermore? The pretext of giving forth an education is to cause us to go forward in

and teachings that God understands, and you can do whatever you like. God has got you covered. What is it I heard from one standing on a pulpit in a mega building telling people that God is following people and constantly adjusting the GPS for them as they live the lives they are, that as God follows you, He will update you on the way you need to go to get to your destination, though you are turning off going to all the places you want to go to enjoy life. I assume that the god of which this person spoke - to the thousands of people is supposed to, at the last moment, get you to heaven in spite of spurning the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word, the Holy Bible – in that person's teaching and understanding.

We need to fear the Lord God Almighty, acknowledge Who He is, desiring to live for Him Who sent His only Begotten Son to die on a cruel Cross that we might repent of our sins and seek Him to live in us and guide us on our journey in this life, to guide us on the straight and narrow way in Matthew's Gospel, that we might live with Him for all eternity.

I believe we need also to fear the Lord, to love Him so much that we desire not to go against a loving Father, heavenly Father, Who loves us so much that He sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cruel cross for our sin - and calls us to live a life of holiness in Him.

**Enter into the rock, and HIDE thee in the dust,
for fear of the LORD . . . Isa 2.10**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

building relationships for the good of all. Has it not brought "churches" in to this concept.

Oh, we must dialogue and learn from each other, learn all that we can from the world, from Satan, the enemy – so we are told. However, in a language that hides the truth of the motive, that hides the intentions of those who are insisting upon this, is that "all may be one" in the world, is it not?

Let us look at Isaiah Two (and Micah Four, very beautifully written).

Verse Six makes it clear that "thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east . . ." This exist today with people much like as in Biblical days who have forsaken the ways of the Lord, who have invited those from the East to come and bring their gods, their soothsayers. Verse Six says the people of the East are soothsayers like the Philistines.

One commentary put it this way:

Therefore - For the following reasons. Thou - Wilt certainly forsake and reject. Thy people - The body of that nation. Because - Their land is full of the idolatrous manners of the eastern nations, . . . who were infamous for those practices. They please - They delight in their company, and conversation, making leagues, and friendships, and marriages with them.

Isaiah, the prophet, makes clear the reasons of their calamities and of the judgments that came upon them. We are made aware that when most people rise to *higher heights*, when their prosperity increases, especially commercial prosperity, there is much pride, luxury, increase in power, and also idolatry. The people begin using teachings, and anything else that will increase their power and pride. Oft times they care not what it takes to rise to these heights within the community or country in which they reside.

We are sometimes so involved in our personal life, personal pride of what we have, and who we may think we are, that we do not see, do not understand what is going on around us and the significance.

Did it not, in times past, seem good that this nation was not a third world country? Were we not thankful that we had prospered as a nation? And, then, a number of years ago, we heard that we must be concerned that all nations be on the same "playing plane." And, has that not taken place? Most countries, such as this nation, has lowered its standards to meet that expectation, have they/we not?

But Satan has been so cunning as he has used people in high places to accomplish this. People have plastic in their lives and take no notice of what is going on around them. They are not even aware of the danger of the *plastic* and the reason for it. They feel proud, powerful, all knowing, having this instrument of plastic, do they not? They are kept busy from morning to the next morning with it, learning many new ways, perhaps trying a lot of them and, becoming comfortable with it – taking no notice of the slide across the chasm that is so slippery that gives a thrill as they slip and slide across.

Oh, I believe the children of Israel, who invited others in and invited them to bring their gods with them, were so oblivious of the significance of it all, that their new experiences, and what they experienced as it came to pass, blinded the people to the danger of it all – and where it was leading them.

Did they not fall as a nation and were they not taken into captivity by the **very ones they invited into their country and the very ones from whom they learned the new ways, the ways of those people**, and forgot the Lord God Almighty. Were they not blinded by all that was going on because they forgot their God, the only living God? Were they not blinded by much that was in that new environment that they no longer cared what the Lord God Almighty had commanded them? Were they not blinded by their pride in what they felt they were accomplishing? Proverbs 16.18 says that "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

The Word says,

Isa 2:5 O house of Jacob, **come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

Isa 2:6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and [are] soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

I have heard the saying, "There's an east wind coming." If I understand this, I believe it is part of what this *Message* is about as well as the next two *Messages* – as this is a three part message. I might add that this comes to me in light of something I heard in the past when a country almost "went under" years ago, but for the alertness of those in high places. This phrase, "There's an east wind coming," was used to mean, yes there is another battle coming.

Satan never stops. This is clearly stated in the following passage from the Holy Bible.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (I P 5:8, 9).

One resource regarding this passage above said it is for young Christians. I tell you of a surety that the above passage is for each one who has repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to come into their hearts, their lives to live now and forevermore. Oh, how sad that we see those of the age who in times past were considered to be fathers and mothers in the Lord – and, now, are very much like the youth' they follow whatever comes into view – and accept whatever is given them.

People do not read and write today because they have plastic. I once knew someone who was reading a book of 35 pages, approximately 4" x 6", I believe she said, and it was with large print. I believe she said that was the only book she had to read for one of her courses on her - uh – bachelor's degree for becoming a teacher that she was studying for – with plastic. Another said she had spent \$70,000 using plastic, and still did not have her bachelor's degree – but, oh, she was enjoying it so much – and still the reading comprehension was uh – *different* than in times past with the plastic.

I believe the Word of God is for all ages, and it is imperative that people be able to read with comprehension and depth - in their love of the Lord seeking His ways for the Lord does not bless the ways of the world.

Oh, how we need a revival, to be revived in our love for the Lord and His Holy Word that we might live a life of holiness unto the Lord.

Sadly, we do not fear the Lord. We do not love the Lord Jesus Christ with our hearts, our minds, our life. People are living lives according to those following Satan's ways