



Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
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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Called to Be A Watchman

This message is perhaps hard to most and certainly straight forward. Please note the scriptures that we will lay before you, as they, in the language of the writings (Hebrew), are under the authority of the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ, and are written through His prophets of old. The prophets of old were not on television or computers making millions of dollars, building a following; meaning that they were under no obligation to listen to man and obey that they might continue in wealth. The prophets of old spoke forth the Truth. They were not fortunetellers trying to guess at what needs to be said to please man and, yet, make it *seem* like they telling the future.

Let me hasten to say that a prophet is one who speaks forth the Truth; and it will be straight from the Lord, and will be hard, but life-giving for all eternity. It will give life to the soul of man, and encourage one's heart to walk on with the Lord Jesus Christ – and none other. A prophet cannot be purchased, as we know of the five Major Prophets and the 12 Minor Prophets.

Now, having prepared you, let those of us who are hungry for more of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives, and desire to go forth speaking forth the Word of the Lord as is given to us, go to the Book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel, Chapters One through Three, is given to Ezekiel by the Lord God. The Lord tells Ezekiel that it is a hard word, but it must go forth whether it is received - or not.

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me (Eze 3.17).

The Lord informs Ezekiel of His demands upon Ezekiel as His prophet. The Lord God in no way offers Ezekiel a choice in His life. In fact none of us have choices. Many believe they have choices and can walk in their own willful way, that they can change the message of the Lord. And, by the way that is being done by those standing on the pulpits – and all because they believe themselves to know what is best for their (yes, I have written) *their followers*.

The followers of Jesus Christ who are giving forth the Word of the Lord have no followers. And, if you read the scriptures, you find most did not like the prophets as the Word from the Lord is Truth, straight and hard. Oh, yes, the rewritings of the

But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.

Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

Oh! we cannot behave and think as children and adults do today, "But that is not fair."

The walk with the Lord is not about equality, not about being fair.

Let me hasten to say when our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was tried and condemned for what He did not do, that was **NOT** fair, it was **NOT** equal.

Our Lord did not walk away from walking the **Via Dolorosa**, *The Way of the Cross*, because it was not fair, it was not equal. He went to the Cross of Calvary because of His love for us, for you and me; He went to the Cross of Calvary and was crucified; he shed His precious blood for you and for me, for us for our sins that one day we shall gather around the throne and worship Him day and night – and know His joy. Those who have given their lives to Him, repented of their sins, and are endeavoring to live a life of holiness unto Him are called to serve Him, to be faithful unto Him, as was Ezekiel and other prophets.

A watchman is one who knows the Word of the Lord - and speaks forth the Truth of the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus with words, but also **with their life**.

It is living for Jesus in all you do.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Holy Bible, the Word of the Lord, that has been going on for eons, does *seem* to make it easy, and all is okay as a God understands.

No, the Lord God does not understand. The Lord did not waste words as He gave the word to Ezekiel (or any other prophet).

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked *[man]* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand (Eze 3.18).

Now, you may read this and dismiss this, saying, "But I am not wicked." Oh, learn the Truth and know that the Lord does have a plumbline by which we are judged by Him and will be - in that "Great Getting' Up Morning," "The Day of the Lord."

Hear the Word from the prophet Amos:

Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *[made]* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more (Amos 7.7, 8):

We are not to change one jot or tittle in the Word of the Lord:

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled (Mt 5.18).

We do not have any authority to change the Word of the Lord for **any** reason. No, it cannot be changed to help people who have chosen not to be educated to understand the Bible. No, it cannot be changed because someone misuses a word, and needs the Bible rewritten so it is in their understanding to fit their sinful ways. No, there is no reason for changing the Word of the Lord to fit any need. If you do not understand the Word of the Lord, seek the Lord, and maybe take time to study and increase your reading skills – and turn your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to direct you.

And, let me hasten to say that the Lord God did not prosper His True prophets. They did not have a following, a TV program, or a computerized program, and did not have money flowing their way.

The Lord God commanded His followers, and continues commanding all who are His people – including the prophets.

Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Again, When a righteous *[man]* doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: **because thou hast not given him warning**, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but **his blood will I require at thine hand** (Eze 3.19, 20).

Do you understand, do you hear the Word of the Lord? God is God, and He shall have His way in this world with or without you or me or anyone. We need to know that there is salvation in none other than Jesus Christ.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4.12).

And, so you ask, What is this message about, why it is so hard? Look around you and see how so much has happened, is changing around us and all over – not just locally in this place. Let me give you a simple example.

You do not know how many times people of all ages, the youth, the young, the old acting like the youth (the 16 year olds of all ages, as I often say it) who are so disrespectful, calling everyone honey, doll face, sweetheart. "Well, baby, can I help you?"

When I make it clear I am not their sweetheart or their baby or anything else, they will say, well that is how we do it in *this* state. My colleague and I have been told that in every state we have travelled which is almost the 50 states. I no longer travel by air, but when I hear such comments, I almost want to return to Yugoslavia knowing I would hear them say the same thing, and then also the Middle East. Well, I cannot return to Yugoslavia because it was dissolved shortly after my return to the states in late 1990.

But surely you understand that the whole world does not overnight begin doing and saying the same things all at once. Surely you understand there is more, a lot more to what is going on in this world. I will not even enter into the large area of what is going on in the world that seemingly most have no clue - because they are in their own little world; and as long as they are the center of their own life, they are not interested in the Lord Jesus Christ - and the straight and narrow way to which His people, and His alone, are called to walk – come what may.

The message is to those who love the Lord Jesus Christ with their mind, heart, and soul, and are seeking the Lord in their walk with the Lord in these days that lie before them – to include us as we also want to walk all the way with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord God commissions Ezekiel to go to the children of Israel and give them warning (Read Ezekiel, Chapters One through Three).

Know that this is also in Ezekiel 33.

Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *[righteousness]* in the day that he sinneth.

When I shall say to the righteous, *[that]* he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;

[If] the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.