



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).

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The Wise Still Seek Him*

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I Send You Forth As Sheep In the Midst of Wolves

The Lord Jesus Christ makes clear to His followers how life is when living for Him. Who calls you to serve Him, to go forth in His Name in the Gospel of Matthew.

Notice the verses before this as the disciples were given instruction to go forth preaching the Gospel, knowing they were being sent as sheep in the midst of wolves. We are to continue in our calling to preach the Gospel. Everyone is called to preach the Gospel that knows Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Sadly, people are led to believe they need not know the Word of God. Just go to the front of the building you go to and join the church – and all will be well.

Let me take you back a few centuries to the 1700's when a preacher named John Wesley had meetings that people were expected to attend weekly and give an account to the question asked, "How goes it with your soul?" This was not about telling your life's history and events for the week; it was about soul searching, and how had you walked in the holiness of the Lord Jesus Christ. It probably needed a sentence or less only to reveal to yourself, as well as to others in the "Class Meetings" of "How goes it with your soul?"

My understanding if you were not actively attending the meetings weekly, you no longer were part of the group. There were no excuses of, "Well, you see, I needed to be somewhere else at the time of the meeting last week. Then the week before that, well I was tired and . . ."

The enemy distracts us with other things in our lives, even in our sleep, as well as waking hours. The enemy delights when we are not in the Word of God daily, seeking the Lord and what the Lord Jesus Christ wants of us daily in the home, at work – wherever we are."

You do not know how many people who are "church" leaders are not in the Word of God. They believe they do not need to be as they are living goodly lives and are following the world and, well, accepted by a following who also do not know the Word of the Lord God.

Let me hasten to say there is a difference in living a goodly life versus living a godly life. Satan comes to you and tells you that you are living a goodly life, and you are looked up to. Just keep on doing what you are doing, and keep on leaving out of your life that which may encumber you and take up your time- doing his bidding – that may

When we repent and ask Jesus Christ to come into our hearts and lives to live, it is not to sit back and walk on with the enemy as before. It is a way of life, living for Jesus and endeavoring to edify the body of Christ to stand strong, that, together, we shall stand strong in the Lord as the day is soon approaching. Oh, hear the word given to Paul as he stood before King Agrippa, relating to him the word given him from the Lord Jesus Christ, the calling upon his life.

What will we say when the time comes that we may be brought before the enemy?

Act 26:16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Act 26:17 Delivering thee from the people, and [from] the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

Act 26:18 To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

look good, may *feel* good, but is leading people straight to hell via the broad gate that leads to destruction.

I invite you to stop right now; reflect of how far have you gone from the Master Who bids you "Read His Word and pray every day." But you say, I do pray. Prayer is not doing all the talking. Prayer is not a childish "Give me" list. Prayer is not seeking what you want in this life. Prayer is not seeking selfish blessings for your *feel* good need.

Prayer is seeking the Lord to make you what He wants of you. It is seeking that you will walk the *Via Dolorosa*, Walking the Way of the Cross, with Him. It is seeking that you shall be blessed that others will be blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ through you. No, it is not you knowing how the Lord shall bless others through you.

Walking in the Spirit, as Romans Eight reveals to us, is keeping our eyes upon Jesus as we walk daily with Him. It is not looking around to see how the Lord is touching the lives of others, and you then taking the glory for those who have been touched by a life lived for the Lord – if that is you.

Oh! The hymn writer wrote it well, "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus. Look full into His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim – in the light of His glory and grace."

The above is about preparation for you being sent as a sheep into the midst of wolves that you shall stand strong when the enemy comes against you, that you shall discern the will of the Lord Jesus Christ in that time, and "Go Forth in Great Confidence" in the Lord knowing His will and obey Him in that time.. We are called to walk wisely in the Lord, to walk in the way of the Lord. There is but one way when walking with the Lord.

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *[is]* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left (Isa 30.21).

Oh, the prophet wrote that there is the voice that is behind us, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." He goes on to remind us of the voice that is endeavoring to lead us to turn to the right and to the left, to lead us astray from the Lord who says to us, No! "This is the way, walk ye in it." The Lord is guiding you and me to walk in the path that He has trod before us, to go on in Him, trusting Him – when we are thrown to the wolves in this world.

Yes, your friends and family may well be some of those throwing you to the wolves when you choose to "Stand Up for Jesus," as the hymn writer wrote. We are called to take a stand for Jesus verbally, yes, but with our lives, living a godly life under the direction of the Lord God, Himself. And, yes, there are times it does seem a lonely road, times when we feel all alone in this world, times when it seems so many have turned against us. Many times it is those we least expect.

I am reminded of a great saint, William Tyndale, who was imprisoned for translating the Holy Bible, then executed (1500's). But there is more. It is my understanding that it was his closest friend who betrayed him. All through history, it does seem that it has been a close friend who has betrayed those that are serving the Lord, betrayed them unto the authorities by which they received much gain. I believe there are more experiences such as this than we shall ever know – and I believe it is going on today in

all locations, if you will, and among all peoples who have sold out to the enemy, to Satan that they might gain from it. But, let me say, they have lost in the end. All I know to say to each of us who desire to go on with the Lord Jesus Christ, Beware of all in your life, seeking the discernment of the Lord.

I am asking you to read the following with your heart, read it carefully; seek the Lord Jesus Christ, and hear His voice. Oh, this is the day to prepare for His coming for our Lord is returning, but know the battle of Armageddon (the Valley of Megiddo, East of Dor, Rev 16.16) is coming (Mt 10.16-29).

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *[their]* parents, and cause them to be put to death.

And ye shall be hated of all *[men]* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

The disciple is not above *[his]* master, nor the servant above his lord.

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *[shall they call]* them of his household?

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

What I tell you in darkness, *[that]* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *[that]* preach ye upon the housetops.

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

Also note that families will not stand together at this time. Some of you may *feel* that your family is against you, imploring you to understand, and see things the way they do – though it is against the teachings of the Word of the Lord.

Let me make it clear that life is not going to get easier as we are already in the One World Order, with one world banking, one world technology with all information from every aspect of life going to one location as it is happening, the one world gender is here, and the one world

Oh, how sly the enemy has been and is today!