



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).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

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It's All About me - Me - Me-e-e

Too long we have heard the aria sung, "It's All About Me, Me, Me-e-e." It is time the script to this aria be torn asunder and the composition destroyed – never to be heard again. The world has too long taught this song, and the "churches" have sung this to placate the people, to woo them to their teachings. I am reminded of Matthew 23.15 where the Pharisees go to great lengths to draw others into their false teachings, "...and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

I am reminded of Job who in the Book of Job revealed his love for the Lord; however, he, in his grief, complained to the Lord God, vented his anger over all that had happened to him and his family. Chapter One tells us about the loss of his children. Yes, Job worshiped the Lord in the midst of his pain, his grief. But, as the time follows him, he is sick and covered with boils. Adding to his grief were his three enemies – uh, I mean three friends who, in essence, told him that if his life were as it should be, none of the calamities would have happened.

His three *friends* chide him about what they deem to be sin in his life, and that this brought about that which struck so hard to his hurt and dismay.

Job, in Chapter Three, says, "Cursed be the day I was born . . ." This is not a statement he makes in passing. This is an angry statement – said with great anger. Now, what has this to do with our first sentence?

When reading The Book of Job in the original language, Hebrew, there are words in the Hebrew language that reveals it is a law court scene where God is the judge, the jury, and the prosecutor. Job, knowing this, does not hesitate to vent his anger in the presence of the Lord God about his life situation. When you are living a life of holiness unto the Lord Jesus Christ, you will be honest with yourself and approach the throne of grace for healing.

God knew his heart, what was going on inside him. Job loved the Lord and was able to be honest with God – No! be honest with himself in speaking forth the anger in his heart, and God listened. When you love someone, and they love you, you can be honest with yourself and speak forth what is in your heart. Job early on said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

We have the privilege of listening in, if you will, to this experience of Job venting his anger over the death of his children, losing his livelihood, and his health.

We also have the privilege of listening in, if you will, to the healing experience in Job's life.

Know that family may turn against you; the Word of the Lord tells us in the Gospels. The following scripture is not talking about your thoughts with a life not lived for the Lord. The Lord is saying that not only our thoughts are to be upon the Lord, but our lives must follow the Lord, how we live (Isa 29.13), how we think, where we go – and do not go; what we say – and do not say (Mt 10.32-38).

Are you centered on yourself, believing all is well, believing you have a right to be angry with the Lord God? Are you angry like Job? Then I ask you, Are you like Job who is seeking the Lord and going on with the Lord, living for the Lord Jesus Christ at all costs – come what may in your life? This is the day to repent if you have not fully surrendered your life unto the Lord God Almighty. This is the day to make that decision to live for the Lord at all costs and to walk in obedience unto the Lord, to surrender to Him and the call, the call that is upon your life to live a life of holiness – according to the Holy Bible! Walk on. Walk on in the Lord!

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Yes, Job's three enemies – uh, I mean friends, go to him, and there is dialogue between each of them and Job regarding Job's life.

I am a visual person, so I see God in my mind's eye as listening, and saying, "Will Job ever empty himself of his anger so I can speak and be heard?" You see, when you are angry, you cannot hear, I mean really hear beyond the words to the meaning of what is being said to you. The Lord, knowing this, waited for Job to come to a point where he had exhausted himself and was empty, and could hear what the Lord had to say.

Remember that Job was not privy to what transpired between God and Satan, that Satan approached God seeking Job's life. And, God does not reveal this to Job. Satan said to God, in essence, "As long as Job is prospering and all is well for him and his family, why would he not serve You, God?" God told Satan that he could do with Job as he wished; however, he could not take Job's life! Read Job, Chapter One.

Job experienced all the calamities that came against him, his anger rising – not understanding that the enemy was coming against him. He just saw himself as "poor me," look at what is happening to me; everything that could go wrong is going wrong.

How many times do you and I look at our lives in this same manner: Everything that could go wrong in my life has gone wrong. We look down. We look at ourselves and become naval gazers, seeing nothing around us, seeing no one else's pain, seeing darkness and death all around.

Job lamented his life, a life that was full of troubles. He knew what pain was in his life. Why do we not look up, look unto the "hills from whence cometh our help"? (Ps 121)

The time came when the Lord asked Job,

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
Who *[is]* this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding (Job 38.1-4)

In essence, the Lord God asked Job, "Where were you when I hung the stars?" I believe it was then that Job realized who he was not! Oh, that we could come to realize who we are not. I am reminded of another who came to realize who he was not in Isaiah Six.

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *[is]* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *[is]* full of his glory.
And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
Then said I, Woe *[is]* me! for I am undone; because I *[am]* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.
Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *[which]* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

And he laid *[it]* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged (Isa 6.1-8).

Isaiah realized who he was not in verse five, "for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." It was in experiencing the presence of the Lord God Almighty that Isaiah realized who he was not as he experienced the glory of the Lord. When we experience the glory of the Lord, there is nothing to do but fall under the power of His glory - as did Ezekiel in Chapter Three.

And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face (Eze 3.22, 23).

Oh, hear the Word of the Lord. There are those telling you that you are just fine. God is following you and He is recalculating for you as you go where you want and do what you want.

I am here to say to you, this is a lie straight from hell. God is NOT following you. Have you not read in the Gospels where Jesus said, "Take up thy cross and follow me."

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 (Luk 9:23).

Read Luke 9.18-27, and ask yourself, Where do I stand with the Lord? Am I trying to convince myself that the Lord is following me and all is well? Or – am I truly following the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I walking in obedience to Him daily? in my heart – as well as living the Word of the Lord?

People of God, we are in a day and age in which the church-goers, and those standing on the pulpitum, are calling evil good and good evil as we are told in Isaiah 5.20, 21.

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe unto *[them that are]* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

People of God in Christ Jesus, Awaken!! There is but one God, the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus His only Begotten Son. There is but one Name by which we come to a saving faith and it is in Christ Jesus. Follow the Lord God in His Holy Word as it is the only way.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Act 4:12).

Broad is the way that leads to death.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *[is]* the gate, and broad *[is]* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:
Because strait *[is]* the gate, and narrow *[is]* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Mat 7.13, 14). :

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).

You may be asking, "Can so many be so wrong?" Oh, YES! People of God, turn to the Lord if you have not fully surrendered your life to Him. This is the day to renew your vows unto the Lord with strong determination to go forth in the Lord, come what may.