



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
Jesus Christ*

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Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Any commands are given in the Bible to the followers of Jesus Christ. Often we are reminded of the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments; but there is more to walking with the Lord Jesus Christ than "obeying" the Ten Commandments.

The Law is given in the Old Testament which some delight in saying that they have kept the Commandments from their youth up. All too often, people keep the letter of the law. They keep the Commandments from the outside while in their hearts they are not keeping The Ten Commandments.

Obedience unto the Lord God Almighty is from the heart, a desire to walk with the Lord, a desire to truly know the Lord and serve Him with their whole being. Let us use the language as is given to us to understand. It has been said of hardened criminals, you cannot judge them by their actions because you cannot see their heart. Someone once told me, The Bible says that Jesus sinned! A lot of things have been said with a preface: The Bible says . . . And the world listens and follows in their actions with, Well, the Bible says – not having ever reading the Bible – because of a heart that listens to the enemy, a heart that beats with Satan, the enemy, a heart that has not read the Holy Bible nor longs for a life in Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prophets are very clear about the false prophets, the false pastors, the false shepherds. But Jesus made clear in the New Testament that there are false apostles, false prophets, and false followers.

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.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Mt 7.13-15).

The Lord also makes clear they are followers of Satan and that they have no place in the Kingdom of the Lord.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Mt 7.21-23).

Awaken! Hear the Word of the Lord for you, that the Lord loves you, but not as the world, not as the enemy, as told you, but as the Lord God makes clear to us; His love calls us to walk in His ways, in His strength, in His righteousness.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God (Jn 3.16-21).

We need to be endued with the power of the Holy Spirit that we might go forth in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world, a world that knows not the Lord Jesus Christ. Time is of the essence.

What about your family?

Do they know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?
Are they living for Him? Are you?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Oh, come; let us reason together according to the Word of the Lord. It is stated clearly in Matthew 15.18, 19.

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Mt 12.34).

Our thoughts, our actions come from that which pours forth from the heart. Be not deceived.

And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them (Lk 21:8).

The enemy has come in like a flood to deceive people such as those that stand on the pulpitum talk about much of what is in the Holy Bible is not for us today. Satan is a liar. Satan deceives because he is working hard in these days to lead people to hell.

People of God in Christ Jesus, read the Holy Bible; we must be diligent to be in the Word of the Lord that we might take up our cross and follow Him, that we might trust Him and walk by faith in Christ Jesus for today is the day of salvation.

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth [person], a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned [them] with an overthrow, making [them] an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; (II P 2.4-6).

The command is, "Be Filled with the Spirit. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (Eph 5.18).

Have we not heard that this is not for the followers of Jesus Christ? People of God, Satan is a liar, one who deceives. He has his followers who are standing before you saying much of the Bible is not for us today. Have you ever thought about this teaching that much of the Bible is not for us today? Oh, Satan does not want us to be endued with power from the Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. Satan is deceiving people into believing they, as individuals, have power to do whatever they want. Satan is also deceiving people into believing that life is about Me-e-e-e.

Many years ago the Lord gave me a *picture* as I was driving towards Chicago. I saw hell in this picture with a road leading to hell, a crossroad with a road also leading to the Cross of Jesus Christ and heaven. I was standing halfway between the two where people were betwixted the two ways, feeling the power of Satan's pull. As I stood there, I was proclaiming, from Isaiah, "**This is the way, walk ye in it**' when ye turn to the right hand and to the left" (Isa 30.21). Oh, the picture showed the powerful pull of Satan and the millions who heard his voice and saw his deceitful ways. They had sold out to Satan and were as zombies, robots, androids, sleepwalkers, who followed Satan. There was more to the picture, but suffice this much of the picture to make clear Satan's deceitful way (Rev 20.14).

The background to this *picture* was Isaiah 61.1-3. This is the calling on those who have chosen to believe the Word of the Lord, who have chosen to walk on with the Lord Jesus Christ, in the midst of the chaos that exists today, in the midst of the lies and deceit perpetrated today – and all in the name of a "jesus."

Oh, Satan is alive and sick. Discern by the Holy Spirit of the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus, when you hear goodly things said, when you hear the name "jesus."

There is but one living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Be not deceived, people of God.

We read in Ephesians that we are to "**be filled with the Spirit**," with the Holy Spirit; but there is more:

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; **but be filled with the Spirit**;
Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (Eph 5.18-20).

There is more to the Ephesians 5.18 teaching. We must read the following verses. We are to give forth praise to our Lord. We are to sing from our hearts unto the Lord. We must give thanks to the Lord for all things unto "God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." We are to give thanks always for all things unto God. This teaching is also found in I Thessalonians 5.18. Read the Psalms and find how many times, "O give thanks unto the Lord" is in Psalms. Our hearts are lifted up to heaven as we give thanks unto the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Oh, it is in the reading of the Holy Word, and singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs and making melody in our hearts to the Lord that we are also strengthen as we are filled with the Spirit.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might
by his Spirit in the inner man;
That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and
height;
And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all
the fulness of God (Eph 3.14-19).

Satan does not want us to be strengthen in the Lord, does not want us to "Have Faith in God," does not want us to go forth proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Risen, does not want us to know the "Joy of the Lord is our strength" (Neh 8.10), does not want us to believe the Word of God, the Holy Bible. How often have we heard, for many years, "but that is not what it means today." So much of the Bible is rewritten today in the language of the people, saying it does not matter what the Bible means, but it is important that people have it written in words they understand though it may change the meaning. The depth, the profundity, and efficacy of the Holy Word of God is seldom given forth. Oh, Satan is a "man-pleaser" and will continue making people believe that life is about them, about Me-e-e-e, and will change the meaning of the Word of the Lord to please the people while they follow Satan, and love his ways enroute to hell.