



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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This is the Way, Walk Ye in It

Any years ago, a picture was given to me. The background was Isaiah 63.1-3. In the forefront was a highway going from the bottom left corner to the top right corner. On the left side of the picture were millions of people that reminded me of *Dante's Inferno*, where the people seemingly had no choice but to stand there with arms uplifted in the catatonic state, perhaps reaching, hoping someone would deliver them from the fires of hell. On the highway was written, "This is the way; walk ye in it." Going on the highway towards the upper right hand corner was a cross through which people had to walk to continue their journey to an empty tomb and on to the heavenly portals, to heaven.

As I stood on the top edge of the highway, halfway between the fires of hell and the cross, the words given me went forth with power, crying out to a lost and dying world, "**THIS IS THE WAY, WALK YE IN IT.**"

Oh, people of God in Christ Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi of the 12th century, said, "Preach always and, if necessary, use words." The time is come for repentance of the waywardness of the "churches" who *preach* a worldly message that leads people to their destruction. *Pastors* go door to door and have their people to go door to door to ask, "And, what church do you go to?"

Oh, people of God in Christ Jesus, it is time we who know the Lord Jesus Christ as **Lord and Savior**, rise up and follow Paul's directive to young Timothy.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *[their]* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (II Ti 4.2-5).

"Preach" in the Greek is to give forth the Truth of God in Christ Jesus with the authority that comes from the Holy Spirit, "1) to be a herald, to officiate as a herald; to proclaim after the manner of a herald always with the suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed 2) to publish, proclaim openly: something which has been done 3) used of the public

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *[were]* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD** (Jos 24:15).

Where do you stand with the Lord God Almighty? Are you willing to take up your cross and follow the Lord Jesus Christ?

And when he had called the people *[unto him]* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mk 8.34-36)

Can you say as did Joshua, can you live the words that Joshua lived? Where do you stand in your life this day, remembering "**This is the way; walk ye in it?**"

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it, made by John the Baptist, by Jesus, by the apostles and other Christian teachers" (Thayer).

Ezekiel, Chapter Three, clearly states the directive given to Ezekiel with which II Timothy Four aligns. Times come and go, but disobedience unto the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ seems to run rampant all through history. None the less, we who know Jesus Christ are still under the call to obedience to our Lord and Savior, and we must speak for the the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the few whose hearts are open to receiving the Word of the Lord. It is not the numbers the Lord Jesus Christ is seeking, as the "churches" believe – as they endeavor to grow their organization to high numbers. People of God, it is the soul that the Lord seeks, one by one.

And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

For thou *[art]* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *[but]* to the house of Israel;

Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *[are]* impudent and hardhearted.

Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads (Eze 3.4-8)

We each one who know the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior must speak forth the Truth without hesitation, without softening the word, without using words with which people are accustomed to hearing, without going down on the level of the people in their vernacular that does not carry truth, that does not bring people to a depth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hear the Word of the Lord. Go forth with the Word of God pouring forth from deep within you and speak forth the Truth as did the prophets of old.

And *[though]* the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

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 30.20, 21).

Today this nation has sought counsel from other nations for more years than has been publicly recorded. This nation has invited in all who want to come and to bring their gods with them; come, there are jobs and government monies available for you. Come, this nation needs your help. I do not know what all has been given, but some things are obvious and have been obvious to those of us who are seeking the Lord Jesus Christ to be Lord in our lives, but also of this nation. Come, we have dual citizenship available for you also.

Those in the biblical days who sought counsel from others were placed in subordination to that nation, they became slaves to the nations from whom they

sought advice and help. Oh, how unbelievable it is to realize that all through history we read where a nation seemingly flourishing goes to a pagan nation for help, receives the help – only to become a slave to the nations of low estate.

Would you not think that knowing what has happened in the past will not change, that what has been recorded for our admonition is still true today? And, yet, one wonders "why, oh, why?" When a nation chooses leadership that knows not the Lord God, when that nation sells themselves to a godless people, a people who know not the Lord God Almighty, oh, "...woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord."

Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt *[your]* confusion (Isa 30.1-3).

Times come and go, but people remain the same all through history. Their hearts are turned against the Lord God Almighty. Oh, as the people turned against Moses in Numbers 16, and the Lord took out thousands by opening the earth. Still those watching what happened did not change their ways, and their hearts were not changed – when the Lord opened the earth for more to be taken.

Amazing how people see what happens to others like themselves, but believe they are above the Lord, and nothing will happen to them. I am reminded of Jeremiah, Chapter 12, who saw the wickedness of people who, seemingly, were flourishing – then realized the time would come when the Lord God Almighty would have the last word in their lives. This is still true today. Wicked, sinful people may seem to be flourishing, but know the Lord Jesus Christ will have the last word in their lives as well as our lives, those of us who are truly endeavoring to live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

That this *[is]* a rebellious people, lying children, children *[that]* will not hear the law of the LORD:

Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits:

Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant (Isa 30.9-13).

Joshua's words are for us today. He admonished the people to choose whom they would serve and to put away the strange gods. This they did; however, only during the life of Joshua and the elders that "overlived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the Lord, that he had done for Israel" (Jos 24.31).