



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*

*of the
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When Jesus heard *[it]*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel (Mt 8.10).

How we need to fall before Him and worship Him in the beauty of holiness. How we need to seek to live a life of holiness, hearing His voice, obeying Him with our lives lived for Him, trusting Him to lead us all *the Way*, knowing He will strengthen us for the journey to *see* Jesus - to which we are called. We need to have faith in Him, to trust Him.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Pro 3.5, 6).

Oh, when has the Lord said of us, "I have not found so great faith . . ."? When have we turned aside to the Lord to walk with Him, to fall before Him and adore Him? When have we layed our lives before Him and walked in great faith in Him? There is a chorus from days gone by that I believe we need to sing and live, rejoicing that we have a Savior who is pleading in glory.

Jesus, I a dore You, lay my life before You. How I love You.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

They Fell Down Before Him



h! The Wisemen fell down before the King of kings. The Greek word for "fell down" is to fall prostrate, which is to lie at length, or with the body extended on the ground or other surface. The Word of God reveals to us that the Wisemen did not just bow down but fell down before King Jesus. These Wisemen were not concerned with their clothing that they might get them dirty or . . . Their hearts were fixed upon the Lord God. They knew who they were not. But, oh, praise the Lord, they knew Who Jesus was and is, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Here are Wisemen who have their eyes upon Jesus, knowing He is King of kings, they humble themselves before Him. These are Wisemen who chose *The Way*. I believe they had no thoughts about themselves and who they might think they are. I believe their eyes were not on how others perceive them or think of them, but firmly fixed on Jesus.

When in the presence of the Holy One of Israel, of the Lord Jesus Christ, and one experiences His glory, one will experience, will know they are sinners. When experiencing the glory of the Lord, one's sins are revealed, one cannot but help to know who they are not when in the presence of the glory of the Lord God Almighty.

I am reminded of Hannah's prayer in First Samuel Two, specifically as her heart rejoiced not in Samuel, but in the Lord God Almighty; in her praise in the verse reveals her knowing the grace of God in her life and in the life of the people who endeavor to walk in the holiness of the Lord God Almighty.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *[and]* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *[them]* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *[are]* the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail (I S 2.8, 9).

It was not the outer garments of the Wisemen the displayed their wealth and education and who they were in the Lord. It was their hearts that sought the Lord Jesus Christ that shows us their wealth and who they were in the Lord. I am

reminded Luke 16.19-31 where we read about Lazarus, the beggar, and the rich man who fared sumptuously. It was Lazarus who was the rich one, the one who knew the Lord and was ready to meet the Lord God.

The Scripture teaches us that when we are walking with the Lord, we will see our sins and will repent, and our hearts will be turned heavenward, turned to the Lord to walk with Him, to take up our cross and follow Him, fully surrendered to His will for us. We will desire to be emptied of ourselves that we might be filled with the Holy Spirit to guide us to know the will of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to obey and follow Him all the way. When this happens in our lives, we will submit to the King of kings. There will not be a rebellious spirit as exists in so many and has all through the centuries. Again, I remind us of Number 16 and many other scriptures where the people rebelled against the Lord God as they strongly - in going against Moses.

We cannot serve the Lord God when seeking to have things our way, to walk in sin, to walk against the Lord Jesus Christ and the demands that He places on our lives. The Lord does not say to us to walk with the world, and all will be well. The Lord does not understand and turn away. The Lord says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." It is His way or no way.

The Wisemen understood they were not an equal or above the Lord Jesus Christ. Their hearts were desiring to see Jesus, to show their submission to Him as they fell prostrate before Him. They showed their submission by making the arduous journey across the desert, desiring to see Jesus and bow before Him.

The Bible teaches that the body of Christ is to submit to those in authority over them. (Heb 13.17; James 4.7; I P 2.13; I P 5.5

Those in Num 16 did not learn their lesson, if you recall.

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *[appertained]* unto Korah, and all *[their]* goods.

They, and all that *[appertained]* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. (Num 16.32, 33)

After the death of these, there were those who continued coming against Moses, and the Lord put upon them a plague.

Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed (Num 16.49, 50).

Oh, the people today have not learned their lesson from the Holy Word. We are called to be the body of Christ Jesus, not each person on their own. And, because of this we must know the will of the Lord. We must know to whom it is we have chosen to be in obedience, to follow, to whom we surrender our lives and walk in obedience.

Are we hearing, Thus saith the Lord God Almighty today? Or, are we following another god?

Oh, the Wisemen understood they were not an equal with the King of kings. They came in complete submission to the King of kings, the Lord of lords, though only a toddler. We believe the Christ child to have been about two years of age by the time the Wisemen arrived in Bethlehem. They came to worship Him, to lay their lives before Him with great reverence.

When was the last time we came before Him and knelt before Him, worshipped Him? I am reminded of Psalm 29.

<A Psalm of David.> Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness (Ps 29.1, 2).

Oh, we are to ascribe to the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, the honor of His Name, that is properly due Him. We are to praise Him. This Word is to the angels and no less to us. Oh, we are to praise Him with our words, but also with our lives.

We are to acknowledge Him as the God of glory, He Who is endowed with power. If we but look at His creation, acknowledge His love for us in sending Jesus Christ, His only Begotten Son, He Who is also God, for when we read the "Lord's Prayer" in John 15, He says, "I and my father are one . . ." God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three, and, yet, they are one. When reading Isaiah Six, His glory came down, and Isaiah experienced powerfully and knew Who the Lord God is in Christ Jesus.

If we would bow before the Lord Jesus Christ, humble our hearts and lives before Him, live for Him, we too would know His glory come down among us. Oh, He is all powerful. I fear we have in this day and age scorned the Lord and taken lightly Who He is. The time is now when we must humble ourselves before Him, worship Him in the beauty of holiness, love and adore Him.

Recall the words, when (Mt 8.5-10) the centurion, a captain of one hundred men, came to Jesus

And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *[man]*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *[it]* (Mt 8.6-9).

The centurion who has authority understood that he also is under authority, but knew the One, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is God. He humbled himself before the Almighty God and trusted in Him, had great faith in Him. Oh, how we need to know who we are not, and see Who Jesus Christ is and let Him be Lord of our lives.

