



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)

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Despise Not Prophesyings

Too often those standing on a pulpitum, which are 90% most probably, are eager to tell people how good they are, that *god* is following them and will make all things right in their lives – "not to worry." People are led to believe that going to their *building* on a given day will take care of all things. Too often those standing on a pulpitum are endeavoring to be a motivational speaker – using a verse from the Bible here and there to give credence to what they are saying, though all too often, the passage is taken out of context. And, those listening or watching a monitor or their piece of plastic, have no understanding of the Holy Bible, nor do they care to have. They go just to be sociable.

We need prophets called by the Lord Jesus Christ today.

Now, let us review what the Holy Word of the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus is teaching through His prophets – especially in I Thessalonians 5.20.

First, let me state that it is not as easy as many people seem to think translating from one language to another. Also, the lack of education today, and allowing people to believe an object is called by whatever name they choose indicates creativity on the part of the person, not knowing the correct word, gives to – for example a light fixture can be an airplane just as easily. You think this absurd? So do I, but it does exist and has for at least the past 30 years.

This leads people to think they can say the Word says what they want it to say, and it okay. I have heard said that as long as I understand the word I am choosing to use, that is all that counts – regardless if the word used is incorrectly. How many times have we been where different *versions* are used to say what *feels* good – not the truth.

In the verse listed below, the word, *faithful*, used in the KJV is the correct word.

There is a difference between if you believe versus if you are faithful. Enough said!

Act 16:15 Then after she and her family were baptized, she kept on begging us, "If you **think I really do have faith in the Lord**, come stay in my home."

Finally, we accepted her invitation (CEV).

Act 16:15 When Lydia and her family were baptized, she invited us to stay at her home. She said, "If you're **convinced that I believe in the Lord**, then stay at my home." She insisted. So we did (GW).

Act 16:15 After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household, she said in a surge of hospitality, "**If you're confident that I'm in this with you** and

must know with an intimate knowing of the Word desiring to walk in obedience, and to know the truth of God by which we are to be led in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prophesying, giving forth the Word of the Lord under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, is to edify the body of Christ that the body of Christ shall walk together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ – that the body might be made complete and whole. And, yet, let us not forget that this is true for each member of the body of Christ, each person. If one member be not walking with the body, there is sickness that must be healed. We must remember that

**each on must walk under the Lordship of Jesus Christ
for the whole body to be fitly joined together as one body.**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

believe in the Master truly, come home with me and be my guests." We hesitated, but she wouldn't take no for an answer (MSG).

Act 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *[us]*, saying, If ye have **judged me to be faithful to the Lord**, come into my house, and abide *[there]*. And she constrained us (KJV).

Act 16:15 ως δε εβαπτισθη και ο οικος αυτης παρεκαλεσεν (exhortation) λεγουσα ει κεκρικατε με πιστην (faithful) τω κυριω ειναι εισελθοντες εις τον οικον μου μεινατε και παρεβιασατο (compel) ημας

Despise not prophesying! Do not despise the Word of the Lord God, the Holy Bible. Do not despise what the Lord is saying to us and His truth. Yes, the Lord tells us it is His way – or no way. There is but one way to eternal life in Christ Jesus, and it is walking the straight, a narrow path.

God called His prophets of old to speak forth the truth, whether the people will hear or not.

And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *[even]* unto this very day.

For *[they are]* impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they *[are]* a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *[be]* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they *[be]* a rebellious house.

And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *[are]* most rebellious (Eze 2.3-7).

The prophetic role is ministering the Word of the Lord, it is speaking forth the truth of the Lord in context as it is written. It is not *watering down* the Word of the Lord to please people and to gain from them. It is to speak forth the Word that the body of Christ shall be edified, that the Lord Jesus Christ would be glorified through His body.

I am reminded of some in the Old Testament and the New Testament who chose to be obedient to the Lord God is speaking forth the word the Lord had given them – for some, history reveals they died a martyr's death for their obedience. Isaiah, history reveals, was sawn asunder. The Book of Hebrews reveals that there were those sawn assunder for the Word of the Lord.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us who loved the Lord Jesus Christ, who chose to be faithful that we can have the Word given us that we might be edified, and walk that straight and narrow way that leads to life everlasting.

Prophesying is not only speaking about the prophetic books of the Old Testament, it is the prophetic word coming to us in the New Testament where Paul wrote the truths that the Lord gave him that we might also be edified, and grow in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prophesying in the Old Testament was certainly forthtelling as we read in the five books called the Major Prophets and the twelve books referred to as the Minor Prophets (because of the length of the book). However there were others who gave forth a word from the Lord God that did not write books.

What we read in the Old Testament were hard words and continue to be with us today. Going to the New Testament, there are prophets, though not writings as we see in the Old Testament. Prophesy given will always the truth of the Lord. It will not come as is given forth today, as all too often it is said that being a Christian is an easy road

Should you choose to study history, you would come to know that all through the centuries there have been many who have and are tortured for the love of Jesus Christ. It is not an easy road. The Bible teaches we are to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. That is a hard word, and it is prophecy. John spoke forth the word of the Lord.

For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *[him]* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet (Mt 14.3-5).

The Lord calls us to live a life of holiness for He is Holy God. He wants the best for us, and has given to us His Word that we might know, and walk, *The Way of the Cross*.

Prophesying is to edify the body, to edify each of us to live a life of holiness to which we are called.

So, "Despise not prophesying" comes to us because most do not want to hear the truth, do not want that which is hard. Most do not want to take up their cross and follow Jesus daily, being faithful unto Him

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 (Lk 9.23).

There were in the days of yore, and those today, who follow that which is to them showy and can be, *seemingly*, a display of great power and authority. There are those who would follow what they perceive as the miraculous which leads some to follow the enemy because of the falseness of what they perceive. If we are not in the Word of God in Christ Jesus daily, and not walking as a member of the body of Christ, not walking together that we might be strengthened, we may easily be led down the broad road which leads to destruction.

There were those who regarded the power of working miracles, or of speaking in unknown tongues, as a much more eminent endowment than that of stating the truths of the Lord Jesus Christ in language easily understood

Prophesying is despised by some as beneath "speaking in tongues" which seemed most miraculous today. There are those who do not discern what is of the Lord in any of the gifts, and we must discern the Lord's work carefully - lest we be led into that which appears to be the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We need to walk in the Spirit (Rom 8) that we might know the Word of the Lord, the Living Word – the Lord Jesus Christ, and the written Word, the Holy Bible; and we