



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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Prove All Things



Why have we so long chosen to accept what those standing on a pulpit give forth as *truth*? Oh, it may be a truth, but we are talking about the Truth of God in Christ Jesus – none other.

It is time we put down all teachings that are not of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is time one needs to seek the Lord God in Christ Jesus. It is time we begin to search the Word of God for His Truth and His Truth alone. It is time we desire with desire to know the truth of God and endeavor to

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (II Tim 2.15).

The last two years of our ministry of traveling coast to coast for the Lord Jesus Christ and sending the *Message* we wrote monthly into 38 states, we began hearing people of ALL ages say, "I don't have to repent or read the Bible or any of that stuff. **God has my back covered; I'm okay.** This was said with all the pride they could give forth believing they were just fine, when, in fact, they were saying they did not believe in Almighty God in Christ Jesus, for the god they worshipped followed them. The god to which they alluded reminded me of Psalm 115.4-8.

Their idols *[are]* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.
They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not:
They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not:
They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.
They that make them are like unto them; *[so is]* every one that trusteth in them.

Oh! yes! "They that make them are like unto them; *[so is]* every one that trusted in them." They may or may not have an idol of wood, but their god is real to them in their hearts; they, themselves, are their god unto themselves.

It is time we seek Jesus Christ, that we study the Word of God, that we might come to know the only living God who sent His only Begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary for our sins. We need to come to realize who we are not, but who we are in Christ Jesus when we repent of our sins and walk in His ways according to His Holy Word.

We need to seek the Word of God that we shall come to know His truth for it is His truth and His truth that will stand through all eternity.

When the Word of God says to "Prove all things . . ." the Greek, the language in which the New Testament was written originally, means:

- 1) to test, examine, prove, scrutinise (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals
- 2) to recognise as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy

Seeking the Truth of God in Christ Jesus is not a personal acceptance of something for just you. Truth stands as Truth for everyone.

We must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, His Truth in all that we do. We must take time to "Prove all things . . ." according to the Word of God in Christ Jesus, according to His Holy Word, and then we **must** seek to live the life of holiness to which we are called.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

We need to test what anyone teaches or states by the Word of the Lord. We are to carefully examine everything we are told is from the Holy Bible. We are not to trust what is said based on who said it. People make statements, and will say it is from the Holy Bible when it is not. Many are standing in front of *bible* classes and on pulpits teaching much that is not what the Holy Bible says, that is not of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sad part is that few are hungry for the Lord Jesus Christ, few know the Lord Jesus Christ, and few there be that love Him with their lives.

The Bible says in Luke 9.23,

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.

This means that regardless who is leading people astray in the name of a god, if it is not the Truth of God in Christ Jesus, walk away. Yes, you may lose friends and family, but eternity awaits each of us, and we must choose whom we will serve as Joshua did in Joshua 24.15:

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.

When testing what is being taught, come aside to be with the Lord and His Holy Word, seeking of the Lord, His wisdom and discernment, in knowing what is of the Lord and what is of the world, knowing, perhaps, what is a half-truth to attempt to lead you astray. Half truths are lies. Seek the Lord Jesus Christ to lead you in His Holy Word – not what you want to hear and believe, but what His truth is. This is not an individual belief system. Know that the truth is the same for all; the Bible is not given for individual interpretation. II Peter 1.13-21.

Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *[you]* in remembrance;

Knowing that shortly I must put off *[this]* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *[as they were]* moved by the Holy Ghost.

Let me clarify that the word *prophecy* from the Greek in verse 19 is a word proceeding from a prophet, a person of the Lord God who speaks forth the truth of the Lord God. It can be in preaching and/or teaching. Yes, it is a word of forthtelling under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, but from whomever it comes, whether through someone

standing behind a pulpit preaching or teaching the Word of God in Christ Jesus, it will align fully with the Holy Bible.

The Word of God gives us rules by which to test in I John 4.1-6.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *[spirit]* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us.

Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Because there are deceiving spirits all around us and in every place, to include buildings called churches, we must seek the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus. Know that people use the name *god* loosely as they do jesus, and you do not know of what god they speak – seek the Lord God in Jesus Christ to guide you in His Holy Word. We live in times in which there is a great lack of education from before kindergarten through the highest degree one can obtain. People who have not an excellent command of the language they use, as well as those who have an excellent command of their language they speak, oft times are led astray based on their own usage of the language. An absurd example is when we are told you may believe what you will: for example, if a light fixture is an airplane to you that is what it is.

I recall while working on a master's degree, we were in a praxis group under the direction of a dean. A student said they oscillate between . . . Under my breath, I said vacillate – to which the dean sitting next to me interrupted and made it clear that people can use words to mean whatever they believe. This dean was not happy with me!!

People of God in Christ Jesus, this is an example of how you can now believe the Bible says what you want it to say, rather than seeking the Lord God Almighty for His Truth.

Let me give you another example. In our travels over the ten years, we saw on motel marques, God Bless America. I recall on one occasion, I said to my colleague, let us go in and talk to the desk clerk – who was not "one of us," nor "one with us." I said to the man, I saw your sign, God Bless America. "You believe in Jesus?" The answer was – with a big smile, "Oh, yes, yes." I then said, "he is one of your many gods? is he not?" The answer was, "Oh, yes, yes." He then realized I understood!!!

When speaking to someone about the Lord Jesus Christ, that would never be my approach to say, "You believe in Jesus?" But, I knew what was behind the meaning of the marquee – to make Americans believe the owners of the motels today are one with the U.S. - or maybe they are in light of the hugh changes over the past several years..

Oh, when we do not know the Word of God, the living Word, Jesus Christ, **and** the written Word, the Holy Bible, we will fall for the deceiving spirits, for the deception.