



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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Yea, and All Who Will Live A Godly Life . . .

How many times have you heard, If you live right all will go well for you. How many times have you heard, God wants to bless you, just send your money to us. How many times have you heard

Jer 29:11 I will bless you with a future filled with hope--a future of **success**, not of suffering (CEV).

Jer 29:11 I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you **prosperity** and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for (GNB).

Today is a day of endeavoring to make people happy, and help them socialize and have a good time when they go to those *square* buildings. The Word of the Lord is not going out to touch the lives by the Word of the Lord that they might know the Lord Jesus Christ and know His joy, His peace – not as the world gives. The Gospel of John makes this clear:

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *[which is]* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Hear the Word of the Lord! Jeremiah 29 makes it clear that the children of Israel walked in disobedience to the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus. They brought in those who knew not the Lord God of Israel, those who brought with them the gods of the world (Ps 115; 135). The Lord made it clear in the decalogue in Ex 20.

I *[am]* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *[of any thing]* that *[is]* in heaven above, or that *[is]* in the earth beneath, or that *[is]* in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *[am]* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *[generation]* of them that hate me;

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

There is a chorus I have heard sung, but do not know who the composer is. It is a chorus that perhaps we need to sing with our whole heart, and offer ourselves unto Holy God in Christ Jesus, walk with Him in the midst of a nation and a world who has forgotten Him, those who are followers of the world, who walk with the world spurning the Lord Jesus Christ, turning their backs on Him. Is that what those in the Bible did when standing in the crowd crying out, "Crucify Him. Crucify Him." Are we not saying those same words by turning to the gods of this world?

Where do you stand?

What road are you walking on?

Come and worship, royal priesthood.

Come and praise Him, holy nation.

Worship Jesus, our Redeemer.

He is precious, King of Glory.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

The Lord is saying in Jeremiah 29 that they have walked in disobedience and will go into captivity for 70 years. Then and when the children of Israel repent of their sin(s) and walk with the Lord, in obedience to the Lord, He gives them this word.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

The word is peace, not prosperity, leading you to believe the Lord wants to prosper you financially. This is a prosperity, if you use that word, of the soul of a life of holiness lived unto the Lord. This is peace, the peace of the Lord.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (Mt 7.15).

Now back to the subject at hand. Know that those who walked in obedience to the Lord suffered the affliction of being taken into captivity. It was not just the ones walking in disobedience which, most likely, was the majority.

The following passage is the context out of which II Timothy 3.12 is given to us..

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2Ti 3:5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all [men], as theirs also was.

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of [them] all the Lord delivered me.

2Ti 3:12 **Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

Romans 8.31 is significant as we look at the days in which we are living. Men and women have been persecuted all through the centuries beyond my understanding. But these are people who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ and willingly take a stand for the Lord when all may seem so wrong (Rom 8.35-39).

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *[shall]* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Years ago we wrote a Proclaiming the Gospel Message, Can so many be so wrong? Yes, indeed. We see this around us all the time, do we not? The scripture makes this clear.

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 (Mt 7.13, 14).

It is challenging, difficult, when the majority are walking together, hand in hand, proud of their accomplishments here on earth, as they throw out the verbage because you are not joining them in their unholy life - and seeing them succeeding in their lives, rising to the *top* - so it seems.

Let us not forget our Lord and Savior Who was crucified, who was *taken down* publicly, made to look like a criminal - and all for His love for all. Remember on the Cross of Calvary He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

I have read of some who have suffered persecution horrendously and prayed that prayer for those persecuting them. This is a love to which we are called for it is The Love of God in Christ Jesus that He has for us though we are a sinful people.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *[are ye]*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified (I P 4.12-14).

There is so much I do not understand, nor do I try to explain that which I cannot without the Lord's anointing, that His Word shall not go forth in vain, shall not be perpetrated as a lie to please man. We must seek the Truth of the Lord God Almighty as it is the Truth of the Lord, the Living Word, and the written Word, that sets us free. Those pretending to speak forth the Word of the Lord, but speak not the truth, will put you in bondage to them such as many have done for many years via transmissions that people many times seem to be glued to, especially today with the plastic. The Holy Bible is no longer sought, but the gossip, false news, fasle doctrinal teachings or should I say lack of teaching is certainly in vogue today. I sometimes wonder how far are we from the dark ages.

I pray for the Persecuted Church as I have been touched, am touched mightily in my soul by their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you to become more aware of the Persecuted Church, those who have expressed their love for Jesus Christ with their lives all through history to include today.

The Lord Jesus calls us to a life in Him, a life of holiness unto the Lord, but too many have been taught their goodliness is sufficient and that God is pleased with their worldliness. Oh, read the Word (Lev. 20; I P 1)

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *[am]* the LORD your God.

And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *[am]* the LORD which sanctify you.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.