



## Mighty in the Word

of the  
Lord  
Jesus Christ

For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved **it is the power of God**" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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## In the Midst of Tribulation, Walk On

Let me tell you where I am in this walk in writing this *Message*! So often I will say, I cannot tell if the enemy, Satan, is coming against me to deter me, distract me from walking in the call of the Lord God upon my life. Sometimes it seems Satan, the devil, is a most excellent ventriloquist, able to cause me not to know whose voice I am hearing.

Perhaps you are above such as this, but, in my waning years, I struggle all too often with hearing deficit with my heart. Oh! How I long to know the will of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to follow Him – and Him alone!

When I read of those of long ago who knew the voice of the Lord and walked in His way, His calling upon their lives – come what may, I cry out to the Lord to come and fill me anew with His Holy Spirit that I might walk the "Highway of Holiness," and not look to the left nor to the right, but hear the voice of the Lord saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isa 30.21).

So, what is blocking our hearing the voice of the Lord **and** our walking in obedience to the Lord God Almighty? Look at the children of Israel who walked in their own willful way, who chose to walk in disobedience, who chose to worship the gods of this world knowing they were pagan and were man-made, and had not power to do anything except through Satan's thoughts - given to those whose hearts were turned to him – to bring them down to the level of Satan, himself. This they did knowing it was the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ Who brought them out of the slavery of Egypt. They were like children who rebel when they do not get their own way – even in the midst of the miracle of crossing the Red Sea and having left Egypt to go to a new land of milk and honey. Read the Book of Exodus – and reflect upon the miracles from the Lord Jesus Christ in your life.

Oh, but beware, Satan is able to deceive with miracles (Mt 24.5). Know that you need to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, that you may know Him - from whom comes your salvation.

There are those in the Bible whose lives touch mine profoundly - as I am aware of my weakness in trusting the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many all through history of whom we read that touch my life as I become aware of their profound love for

The enemy has used every possible weapon he can on whomever he can and wherever he can and however he can. You say, "No"? What about the control over the churches? Do the churches not have tax breaks, etc. which places them under the authority of the government? I am not a tax expert by any means, but if you are using the money for the glory of the Lord, for workers in the vineyard, is there a need for tax breaks, etc.? Is there a need to be considered?

People of God in Christ Jesus, we mock, all too often, Tribulation, saying, in essence, "Oh-h-h, that? That is in the sweet by and by. Not now. All is well for us; and, God understands how we are living today. We are okay."

Really? Oh, no. Is thy heart right with God in Christ Jesus? The Lord Jesus has prepared a way for HIS people.

God prepareth ever a way for His elect in this present evil world, and leadeth them along the narrow way which leadeth unto life. Dion

Are you ready to walk on in the midst of tribulation?

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*Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ*

*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).*

the Lord Jesus Christ. These are people who knew the Lord Jesus Christ, walked in His ways, trusted their lives to Him to do as He chose – and, allowed the enemy do as he believes he can do to defeat the people of the Lord God Almighty.

What about the Lutheran pastor who during the war made a giant step only to be executed because of his love for the Lord Jesus Christ? What about a Catholic priest who, in Auschwitz, gave his life for a man, a father of several children, that was to be executed with all the others who were; but this priest asked that his life be taken instead. Was it Tyndale who had his hand cut off for translating the Bible? What about Isaiah of whom history tells us he was sawn asunder for the glory of the Lord. History tells us as well of the vile King Manasseh (Jer 15.4) and his deeds, and that he murdered the righteous; they were sawn asunder. What about James the brother of John who was slain with the sword (Acts 12.2).

I am reminded of four young men taken into captivity whose hearts could not be changed by the enemy, whose courage was beyond understanding – or was it their love for the Lord God Almighty that was beyond understanding! These were young men of great wisdom from the Lord. They were placed in high positions over the ones who had taken them captive. King Nebuchadnezzar came to realize they truly heard from the Lord God Almighty. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego made it clear they would not bow down to the gods of this world nor to the idol of King Nebuchadnezzar. They never once thought, "O, we might lose our jobs if we do not obey the king, if we do not please him." Oh, no!

Hear these young men as they walk in the strength and courage and wisdom of the Lord God Almighty! Take time to read the following in prayer, hearing (obeying) the Lord God in your life – as He speaks to you. The Book of Daniel is powerful, especially chapter three, verses 14-19.

Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *[Is it]* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *[well]*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *[is]* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *[are]* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

If it be *[so]*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *[us]* out of thine hand, O king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *[therefore]* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

Yes, the hard part is that the Lord God does not always deliver His people in the profound manner in which the three young men were. But the Lord is with His people through all they experience when they are walking with Him and for His glory (3.20-30). Read this in prayer, seeking the Lord in your life.

And he commanded the most mighty men that *[were]* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *[and]* to cast *[them]* into the burning fiery furnace.

Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *[other]* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, *[and]* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *[and]* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *[hither]*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

*[Then]* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *[be]* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

There are many others all through history – even in our time of life on this earth. What about the five men whose innards were cut out while alive because of their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many of whom we never hear how they have been persecuted, suffered for the Name of Jesus Christ – some far away, and some not so far away from where we live! Oh, this world is not getting better.