



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" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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The Wise Still Seek Him

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Stand in Awe; Be Still!

Psalm Four is powerful for the ones who know the Lord God of Israel in Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior. It is time we sit in the presence of the Lord and feast at His table to know His peace. It is time we sit in His presence trusting Him with our lives. Verse three states, "But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself . . ." King David writes of a time in which he is in distress, a time when his enemies have come against him. As he writes this, he is praising the Lord, writing of His salvation in his life, "O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me [when I was] in distress . . ." He knows the Lord has been His, and is His, salvation and calls upon the Lord in his time of need of deliverance. We must always appeal to God's mercy, His grace in our lives as did King David.

King David writes to those coming against him in verse two, those who love vanity in their heart and those who seek lies in their lives. David goes on to write: "...commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still." He goes on in verse five, "Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord."

Oh, this is to us as well as those who know not the Lord God in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. How hard it is to know our hearts, to know our feelings. We oft times seek to know our minds and depend upon our minds, our ability (or inability for some) to be able to reason. We are to go to our hearts to know what is there and offer to the Lord that which is not pleasing to Him. It is also as we go to our hearts and seek what lies there that we come to know that which is not of the Lord, and that which is of the Lord, that we may come to know His direction for our lives.

The Psalmist says, "commune with your own heart," be guided by what is in our hearts as the Lord speaks to us many times by what we know in our hearts. Our mind can be in the way of recognizing the will of the Lord God for our lives. The heart is the seat of affections, the seat of who we are. If there is ill in our hearts, evil, let us offer it to the Lord seeking to be cleansed and made whole. If the love of the Lord is deep within us, let us go forth in obedience to that to which He calls us seeking to give Him honor and glory.

It has been written: "Do not take counsel of, or be influenced by, your head, your will, your passions, your evil advisers and counselors; but consult your own better

times do we really seek the Lord to learn of His ways and to lay down our ways that we might know Him and allow Him to do a work in us for His glory?

Have we surrendered our lives to Him, to walk with Him in faith? I have times when I waver, when I question, I doubt – may the Lord God forgive me.

It is time we rise to walk in newness of life – nothing wavering that we might know the

**joy of walking by faith,
joy of seeing what the Lord can and will do in our lives,
joy of experiencing the Lord working in us and through us
to accomplish His will,
His purpose in each of His followers.**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

feelings, your generous emotions, your sense of right, and act accordingly.” Let us seek the counsel of the Lord from His Holy Word and from His working in our hearts, what He teaches us to walk in His way.

The Psalmist knows well that it is in the night watch that we are more able to seek the Lord “upon your bed.” It is in the night watch that we are alone and more able to silence our mind and all the counsel of the world that we might know our hearts and seek the counsel of the Lord.

I have read that perhaps David understood that we need to have a conference with ourselves, to look at our own soul, to learn to, in a sense, talk with ourselves in the presence of the Lord, to dispute with ourselves, to hear our heart, if you will, what it is saying to us (soliloquy).

Do you not understand that we many times dispute within ourselves, weighing what is in our hearts? It is most wise to take counsel of what is in our heart, what the Lord has placed in our heart versus what the enemy has given us in our mind.

How many times do we seek more of the Lord and desire to know His will in our lives, but do it with our mind trying to reason out what it is, for surely the Lord would not call us to walk in faith, to go against reason that the world so leads us to believe is the right gage to know what we are to do.

I ask you, how can the world, the enemy, Satan, and all of his ministers and apostles, give to you the guide for knowing the will of the Lord Jesus Christ when they know not Him Who died for our sins and lives and reigns forevermore? Why are we listening to the world, the enemy? Do we not understand the enemy is working to lead us astray?

I ask you, “Why are we not listening to the call of the Lord upon our hearts (**not** our minds), to walk by faith - **not** by sight”? Read Hebrews 12 over and over and over and over again, praying that you may be strengthened to live by faith and not by sight, not by anything you might think you have to offer – when the Lord speaks. Seek His wisdom regarding your life and what He wants of you. Do not try to understand. No, the Lord God did not give you a mind that you might help Him in His directing you. Be still before Him.

Then, “Be still.” The Psalmist writes, “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps 46.10). He goes on to say that He will be exalted in the earth. He will have the last say in your life and my life as well as the nations and all of creation. What will our answer be to His call to us to serve Him?

You see Psalm 46.6 is important to understanding the power of God in Christ Jesus. “The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.” He speaks, the earth is melted. His Word goes forth and the earth is created. Judges 5.1-5 composed by Deborah and sung by her and Barak regarding the Lord God . . . His power, His strength. He is God!

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,
Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, [*even*] I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing [*praise*] to the LORD God of Israel.

LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

The mountains melted from before the LORD, [*even*] that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

We are reminded that David encouraged himself in Psalm 77 by remembrance of God's help.

Thou [*art*] the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. Thou hast with [*thine*] arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. The voice of thy thunder [*was*] in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way [*is*] in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known. Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Hear Miriam's response as Moses and the children of Israel sang unto the Lord.

And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea (Ex 15.21).

Let us go back to the first phrase of Psalm 4.4. “Stand in awe, and sin not...” Oh, we need to stand in awe of God and His holiness, His righteousness. We need to be afraid of Him, to be fearful. We need to tremble at His power and, yes, His love. He is beyond knowing, and, yet, He is very much in our lives when we seek Him. We need to know that He is God. God is God – in Christ Jesus. We have no control over Him. We can only stand in awe, fearing Him and worshiping Him, giving thanks for His great love for us and praising His Holy Name. He loves us so much that He sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die upon the Cross of Calvary for our sins that we might repent of our sins, and ask Him to come into our lives to be our Lord and Savior, that we might live for Him seeking His love to flow into us and through us to touch the lives of others.

This is not about reasoning or what the mind may tell us. This is about communing with our hearts in the night watch and seeking, by faith, to know Him, His ways, that we might be pure vessels before Him to be used by Him, as He chooses, for His glory.

How long since you communed “with your own heart upon your bed” and were still before the Lord? How long sense we emptied ourselves of all that we have taken into us, our hurts, our anger, our fury with the Lord for all that has come our way, much that we have brought upon ourselves through our sinfulness and disobedience to the Lord God?

The Psalmist makes it clear that the Lord will hear when we call upon Him for forgiveness, for guidance in our lives. But, how many times do we cry out as we keep walking and running to do it our way! How many times do we cry out desiring that the Lord tell us that we are just fine as we walk in sin? How many