



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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The Beginning of Sorrows

How long will we go on being deceived and deceiving ourselves concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? Many say that things are changing, that life is getting more and more difficult – but go on living in sin as though what they have said as just a cliché', without realizing the profundity of what is coming upon us according to the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It seems that many believe we are going to move into the end times as though sliding there upon skies, and all will be well. There is little understanding of this passage of Scripture, little understanding of the beginning of sorrows. It is as though we are gliding on toward heaven, and all will be well for everyone.

How long since you heard a sermon from Matthew 24? How long since you heard "The Beginning of Sorrows"? How long since you heard, "Prepare to meet the Lord God" for He, the Lord God, is returning?

We need to take time to think upon the words, "Prepare to Meet Thy God," for He is returning for His own.

It is interesting that when the Lord spoke of the Temple being razed, and the destruction of Jerusalem, He did not tell them not to worry for only the enemy would suffer. As He tells of the destruction of the Temple, he also tells of the signs of His coming and of the end of the world. Today people are saying they will not have to endure any hardship as they will be lifted out of any persecution.

Our brothers and sisters have suffered much all through history, the Old Testament, the New Testament, up through today. They have not been delivered out of the troubles that come to those who love the Lord and are living for Him. The Lord tells us that even families will be divided and come against each other.

But the Lord goes on to explain that which is significant to us as it is in progress even today. Take time to read the following and re-read it. We need to be aware of how the enemy works and disguises Himself and lies. If we do not know the Word of God, we may misunderstand some teachings today and follow the enemy instead of the Lord Jesus Christ. Take time to read the following and reread it and ponder it, seeking the Lord in this passage that is before us. Seek the Lord in this that you may recognize the enemy when he comes with his deceit (Mt 24.1-14)

should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *[thee]*, saith the LORD.

Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

Oh, we are in a time in which we need more and more of Jesus, more and more of His Word; and we must walk in Holiness. We must have

Eyes to behold His glory,

**Ears fine tuned as an instrument to hear of His voice, and a
Heart that walks in obedience to His Holy Word.**

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *[him]* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *[shall be]* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *[these things]* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

All these *[are]* the beginning of sorrows.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Too many are saying, oh, yes, in the sweet by and by my great, great grandchildren will have it hard. I say to you, open your eyes and ears; see and hear what is going on in this nation – and has been for many, many years. I am concerned that people are going to church, but are not becoming The Church. The Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus is calling His people to pay attention as the enemy, Satan, and his followers are being led astray, are falling from their steadfastness in the Lord.

Few are reading the Bible daily not realizing that when one is not reading the Word of the Lord God daily; they are living a goodly life for Satan. We can only live a life of holiness when we are reading the Bible with our hearts and follow the Word in our daily life. When we are not reading the Bible daily, it is easy to be led astray by the seducers who come in the Name of the Lord Jesus and give to you their false teachings, leading you down the broad road of which the Bible teaches, the broad road that leads to destruction. It is only in the reading of the Bible that we have the counsel of Christ, that we know of the deceivers and seducers.

Many are and will continue coming in the Name of Jesus saying, "I am Christ," and will deceive many and have been doing that already for a very, very long time. I have to say that there are those who talk about the prophets on TV and how wonderful they are. I ask you, Are you listening? Are you discerning? As I read the prophets in the Holy Bible, I do not read of any millionaires, of any being paid for the Word of the Lord. They all suffered greatly, were persecuted – and all for the love of the Lord, walking in obedience to the Lord God.

Oh, there are many false Christs, false prophets, imposters who have the ability to lead many astray, to draw people unto them. Oh, the Lord tells us to take heed and beware. Read and reread Matthew 24.1-14 and Mark 13.14-23.

We, each of the followers of Jesus Christ, must take heed to the counsel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must be attentive moment by moment that we know the Word of God. The seducers can come with such deceit, scheming, cunning that most will follow if they are not in the Word. You may have family and friends who are following these deceivers and they may come to you telling you lies because they believe they are following the Messiah.

Tune your ears as a fine instrument to the hearing of the Lord Jesus Christ through His Holy Word that you will recognize the deceivers. The beginning of sorrows will lead to greater trials, wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes. The Lord tells His people not to be troubled as these are only a beginning of sorrows. Greater trials will come, those trials that will test them more, trials that are from within. The disciples were delivered up, put to death, and hated of all nations. Know that there will be betrayal of one another and iniquity, sin, will abound. This will be a time when trust shall wane not knowing what to believe and who to trust – if we are not living for the Lord Jesus and our hearts are not tuned to His voice.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold (Mt 24.11, 12).

The love for the Lord Jesus will wax cold, and thus it shall be for the body of Christ, The Church. Is this not already true as people find reading the Bible unimportant. Do not most people have their plastic in their hands, *listening* to the voices that come to them over the plastic? Do not most people have their plastic in their hands, interacting with the voices that come to them over the plastic? Do not most people believe whatever comes to them over the plastic?

How can we know the voice of the Lord when we are not listening to Him, not reading His Holy Word, not hearing the Word of the Lord preached with the authority and power of the Holy Spirit as the prophets did in early times when they could give forth the Word, able to proclaim, "Thus saith the Lord." Did not King Josiah send the High Priest and others to the prophetess, Huldah, that the King might know the truth regarding the finding of the Book of the Law (II K 22.15-20)?

Hear the word given by the prophetess, and three times the prophetess says, "Thus saith the Lord." This is not heard today because those standing on the pulpits are not giving forth the Word of the Lord – all too often.

And she said unto them, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel**, Tell the man that sent you to me,

Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *[even]* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel**, *[As touching]* the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou hearest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they