



# 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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## As Ye Go

Small, *seemingly* insignificant, words are rarely mentioned or considered today. After all, for some years it has been noted that the faster you read "main" words and get the gist of what is written is what is important. Of course, the gist is dependent upon those doing the monitoring and grading – is it not?

You must be fast at everything you do. People will have their eyes only on themselves, their understanding of written works on your plastic.

The sad experience is that this is how the Holy Bible is treated. Just get the gist and you can form your own theology – oops, that is a four syllable word. Let me see if I can re-write that. You can form you own creed – and prove your own creed by virtue of brevity.

My colleague and I were talking with a young mother who knows the Word, and her comment was that for years it seems reading is about speed reading. In essence, I believe summarizing what you have read is to reduce what you have read to one word or less. No questions that way, and you will follow the world with greater ease – as if the world is not already the guide to most people.

We already have too many Neanderthals, those who consider a grunt a whole paragraph. There are too many Neanderthal teachings. After all, grunts, monosyllable sentences, is more easily understood by those who are lacking in language skills - and a few other ways.

However, I invite you to listen for a moment to the understanding of the importance of each and every word written in the Holy Bible. When asking what does it mean for someone who has repented of their sins, asking Jesus Christ to forgive them and to "come into their life" to be their Lord and Savior, surrendering their will to the Lord - to be used of Him as He sees fit, the following will help to understand *The Way* one is to walk with the Lord.

Recalling Matthew 10.7, we read in verse seven,

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand

You could say with speed reading that the essence is to "preach." Well, that is certainly an important part of this passage. But it is also important to note what they were commanded to preach. Please take time to read this in context and read Matthew 10.1-15. A very important message in verse seven is that, yes, the

cleansed." This is powerful to experience those whose faith and trust in the Lord and His Word to "Go shew yourselves unto the priests" was strong. They undoubtedly cared not that others might mock them, or shame them, for believing when others may not have seen their healing.

Oh! Lord, strengthen me in Your Word. Help me to look unto You, not caring what others might say or do endeavoring to reduce me and shame in in the presence of mine enemies. Help me to walk in the Spirit as Romans Eight teaches us, that my heart shall always be upon You, Lord – regardless what others may think, say, or do. Help each of us, Lord to reach out to a lost and dying world so in need of You, Lord Jesus, moment by moment,

As we go!

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

disciples were called to preach as they were called to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils . . ." But, the three small words, "**as you go**," cannot be ignored. "As you go" is to respond to the call upon your life doing what He has called you to do – daily, moment by moment. It is to live that calling that is upon your life. It is a way of life to which you are called, that all that He calls you to do is done for His glory.

There are false Christs and false prophets and false shepherds, false pastors . . . whom Satan has given power to lead astray those whose hearts are turned toward him, toward Satan and his followers.

Oh, If someone were to tell me they received a love letter, and were able to read it in a minute or less, and got the gist of the letter, I would know two things. 1)They are not in love with the one who wrote the letter, and 2) They did not receive anything from the letter; their heart was not touched.

The Holy Bible is a love letter, and few there be who even want to open that *letter* to read it with their heart.

I am also reminded of another passage that is so important. There are those who believe that you can be healed of anything if **YOU** have the faith. To them, it is snap your fingers, and you have your healing – unless, of course, they are the ones in need. Then there are different answers given.

But, let us stay with the initial scenario. I am reminded of the man with the palsy in Luke 5.17-26 whom the Lord healed. This passage is powerful – but does not touch many as they are busy speed reading and getting the gist. And, many times, they are just stories to people, not experiences. And, their *evaluation* of what they read is "who cares about that little story?"

The man was healed, but note some information that we need of which we need to be aware. Notice in verse 18 the word *brought*. Some men "brought" him to where Jesus was. Also note that the Word says that they sought to "lay" the man with palsy before Jesus.

The next verse (19) says

And when they could not find by what *[way]* they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *[his]* couch into the midst before Jesus.

Note that which is not written for you to find with your speed reading - and your disinterest in the Word, is that some men were profoundly touched by the Master, by Jesus, and because of their concern for the man with palsy and their relationship with Jesus Christ, they "went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch **into the midst before Jesus**."

Disinterested people in the Word of the Lord miss the above, but also – hear this well, they miss verse 20 in their delight of mocking people who do not have the great faith they see in themselves. Great faith in themselves; however, it is not

faith because they were not the ones who carried the sick, the needy, the sinful to the Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

And **when he saw their faith**, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee (Lk 5.20).

Read this and re-read it and pray, seeking the Lord for your lacking in faith, and seek forgiveness for mocking those whom you have decided do not have your faith.

People of God in Christ Jesus, do not look to others who know not the Lord Jesus Christ, who place before you false hope because their hope, their faith is in themselves - and not the Lord Jesus Christ.

How many of those mocking you because of you lack of faith, according to their measuring rod, have said, "Let's pray for the Lord's healing power to come into your life"? Oh, no. I have not heard of those mocking others for their lack of faith asking to pray for healing for others.

James, Chapter Five, verses 14 and 15 are important.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5.14 indicates to seek out those who are called of the Lord to pray for you, for healing in your body, mind, and spirit. Also, how many desire the Lord, Himself, to do a work in them as they seek healing? Often people want to be healed to go on living a life apart from the Lord.

We must begin understanding the Word of God, seeking the Lord, and His understanding that we might grow in the Lord.

I am also reminded of the ten lepers cleansed in Luke 17.11-19.

And when he saw *[them]*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, **as they went**, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God (Lk 17.14, 15),

This passage speaks to me as they did not stand at the altar and experience their healing, so it would seem. We do not read of a congregation who "looked on," and evaluating the healing process – and the lepers possible lack of faith.

No, read slowly with your heart and get every word. This is not about how little you can say about a scripture. It is not about your evaluation of the Word of God, reducing it to the passage being about "Ten Lepers," because you are good at speed reading. This is about hearing from the Lord, and His love in the Word of God - that we might sit at His feet and learn of Him.

"As they went," is very important to us as it shows they went forward believing they were healed, though without outward evidence. "As they went, they were