



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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I am reminded of Moses and all he experienced, the pain of the people who rejected him, perhaps we call them "church-goers," as Luke writes of the "Church in the Wilderness" in the Book of Acts.

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *[is]* thy people.

And he said, My presence shall go *[with thee]*, and I will give thee rest (Ex 33.13, 14)..

There are many of the Lord's great servants who knew the presence of the Lord in their lives, who experienced the glory of the Lord powerfully – and, yet, they suffered, and were rejected by many who claimed they were holy such as in Numbers 16, those "church-goers" who were against Moses and fought him. Yes, God's people who have served Him with their lives, lived a life of obedience to the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus, who lived lives of holiness unto the Lord God suffered. However, the Lord was with them - and is with His chosen vessels today. Read Numbers 16.16-22 to see and experience the Lord's intervention in the rebellion of the people. Remember that when people rebel against those whom God has called, they are rebelling against the Lord God, Himself.

*And the LORD, he *fit is/that* doth go before thee;
he will be with thee,
he will not fail thee, neither
forsake thee: (Dt 31.8).*

fear not, neither be dismayed

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

The Lord Shall Guide Thee Continually

There comes a time, for some, who have spent their lives endeavoring to live for the Lord - their hearing is impaired – it seems. When this occurs, we need to seek the Lord in His Holy Word. The Word assures us that the Lord is with us when we walk with Him in obedience to His commands. Deuteronomy 31.8 came to mind this morning as I was writing, then I saw a small Bible in the bookcase that was given to me June 10, 1967 with Deuteronomy 31.8 written out on one of the front pages. The following scriptures came before me also this morning. There are many more where the Lord tells His people that He is with them, He will be with them, that He will not forsake His followers. There are also the passages where the individual is seeking the Lord to "lead me, and guide me."

Joshua comes to mind, Joshua, Chapter One. Take time to read it as it is powerful. The Lord repeats His message to Joshua in several verses in Chapter One: Be strong and very courageous. Verse nine

Dt 31:8 And the LORD, he *fit is/that* doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed

Psa 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psa 31:3 For thou *[art]* my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Isa 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *[thee]* by thy name; thou *[art]* mine.

Isa 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

1Jo 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Elisha shows us great faith in the midst of the Syrians sent to seize him. The Word reveals that Elisha knew what the king of Syria was saying, and he was able to warn the king of Israel that the Syrians were planning an ambush against them.

The Syrian King believed someone was betraying him and informing the king of Israel of the moves of the Syrians.

The Syrian King then sends spies to locate Elisha, but the Lord God is still in charge.

Let us read II Kings 6.11-16.

And he *[Syrian King]* said, Go and spy where he *[Elisha]* *[is]*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *[he is]* in Dothan.

Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

And he answered, **Fear not**: for they that *[be]* with us *[are]* more than they that *[be]* with them.

But what is interesting is the following verse. Elisha wanted his servant to see and know what he, himself, knew. God is faithful; the Lord God is with us as we serve Him.

II Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *[was]* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

I think of young Joshua when he did not want to leave the presence of the Lord God in the tabernacle.

Ex 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Young Joshua was hungry for more and more of the Lord. The Lord prepared him to take the children of Israel into the Promised Land and appointed him to succeed Moses.

But the Lord reveals to Joshua that He will be with him and guide him (Jos 1.5-9). Powerful is the Word to Joshua!

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *[so] I will be with thee*: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *[to]* the right hand or *[to]* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *[is]* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Powerful is the Word to St. Paul in Acts 18.9, 10.

Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

There is passage in Isaiah 43.1-3 that is powerful that I sing.

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel,

Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *[thee]* by thy name; thou *[art]* mine. When thou passest through the waters, *I will be with thee*; and through the rivers, *they shall not overflow thee*: when thou walkest through the fire, *thou shalt not be burned*; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I *[am]* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour . . .

We know the Lord is faithful as we read in Hebrews 10.23.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of *[our]* faith without wavering; (for **he [is] faithful that promised**;

The hard part in life are all those who stand aloof to the Word of God, the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and the written Word – saying to you, "If you were living right *that* would not have happened to you." I have even heard some say, "Since I got saved, everything has gone right" – as they look at you to indicate that you are living in sin since so much has gone wrong in your life.

I have to stop, after I am so discouraged with what they are saying to me, and think of the Word of God and how Job, a righteous man, suffered with his enemies – uh, I mean friends who also told him that what happened to him was because he was not living right. I think of Isaiah whom we believe to have been sawn asunder, per church history, after that he had written the Book of Isaiah. I think of Paul who died a martyr's death, and all those who through the centuries gave their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ, for being faithful in their lives to the calling of the Lord.

Yes, you may ask, "If the Lord is with me continually, why – why is all *this* happening to me?" Those who live for the Lord Jesus Christ will suffer. Let us go to the II Timothy 3.10-13 to read what St. Paul wrote young Timothy.

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

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.

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

When people come against you, I would encourage you to search your heart, your soul, and your mind seeking Jesus to reveal to you if there is something in your life that the Lord is not pleased with; however, I would also encourage to seek the Lord seeking to know if that which is against you is because you are living for the Lord as He is leading you.