



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).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

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Lord
Jesus Christ*

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch (Mk 13.35-37).

Awaken! Time is of the essence.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

You Think What?

People today live a life of making it known they believe they are owed whatever it is they want. How many times in the latter part of our ministry, traveling coast to coast and writing a monthly *Message* that went into 38 states, did we hear people of all ages say, "God's got my back covered. I do not have to repent of anything." I could tell you some interesting stories – uh – no. I could tell you some embarrassing stories of what people have said, of their blasphemous ways against the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you not heard many of those standing on the pulpits telling people how good they are and the God understands the world today, and whatever they do He will and is blessing them.

Have you not heard

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (KJV)

- but is given in words much like the following to mislead people?

Jer 29:11 I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. (GNB)

Translations and versions are used freely in a way to mislead and misdirect people, to make good followers of the false prophets, false shepherds, false pastors . . .

In the Hebrew, the word for financial prosperity (Isa 55.11) is different than spiritual prosperity (Jer 29.11). But today the American version of the English language has been reduced to Neanderthal usage in a way to accommodate misleading people – sad to say. It may appear that those presenting the Word are helping you as you see the millions they have, and spend on themselves, to entice you to give to them so they can build bigger and better houses – much like in Luke 12.18, is it not?

And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, /and/ be merry.

But God said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? (Lk 12.17-20)

Years ago during our ministry traveling coast to coast for the Lord Jesus Christ, we walked into a motel seeking a room to rest for the night during our travels. If the Lord put someone before us, we would ask them "Is there a time in your life when you repented of your sins and asked Jesus Christ to come into your life to be your Lord and Savior?" This motel clerk said, Yes. We asked if she were living for the Lord Jesus. Oh, yes. We were going to ask our third question, but before we did this woman said, "Oh, your coming was such a good omen. My boyfriend wanted me to test to see if I were pregnant – and . . ."

Oh, you may laugh, but I weep, and am even angry at how the world believes the Lord Jesus Christ is their servant, and is blessing them in their sin, of which they do not believe they are sinners. They are pompous, prideful, see themselves as gods. They see themselves as the Lord God owing them whatever it is they desire, as they compare themselves to the servant of the Lord God Almighty, Abraham.

Eze 33:21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *{month}*, in the fifth *{day}* of the month, *{that}* one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten.

Eze 33:22 Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

Eze 33:23 Then **the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**

Eze 33:24 Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *{are}* many; the land is given us for inheritance.

Eze 33:25 **Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat** with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

Eze 33:26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

Eze 33:27 **Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; *{As I live}*,** surely they that *{are}* in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that *{is}* in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that *{be}* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

Eze 33:28 For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

Eze 33:29 Then shall they know that I *{am}* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

Geneva Bible Translation Notes (1599) explains verse 24 well.

m. Thus the wicked think themselves more worthy to enjoy God's promises than the saints of God, to whom they were made: and would bind God to be subject to them, though they would not be bound to him. **Gill:**

Is this not where most "church-goers" - and those standing on the pulpits are today – believing they are "more worthy to enjoy God's promises than the saints of God"? Sad it is when people place themselves as gods today, not really believing there is a God. When we live in a world of the gods and goddesses that have been brought to this nation, such as happened to the children of Israel, people turn to them and live a life unto Satan, who is the one that speaks to them through their thoughts, saying some god said . . .

Their idols *{are}* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; *{so is}* every one that trusteth in them (Ps 115.4-8).

Oh, where are those who are truly called of the Lord God Almighty to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the authority of the Lord God, and are anointed by the Holy Ghost to shout to the roof tops the Holy Word of God?

Where are those who are strong in the Lord God and His Holy Word? Where are those who have the courage as did Joshua to stand fast for the Lord God Almighty? Where are those who fear not the enemy? Where are those who walk in obedience to the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit – and all for the glory of the one true God?

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 (Jos 1.7).

And, where are those who are hungry for the Truth of God in Christ Jesus, who hunger and thirst for the Lord and His righteousness, who are seeking "first the Kingdom of God" as they endeavor to live a life of holiness, who seek to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their daily living for the Lord God Almighty, as well as speaking His Word to go forth into a lost and dying world that has sold out to Satan?

People are starved for the Truth of the Lord God, for the preaching of the Word, but have been starved so long by the motivational speaking, the lies perpetrated in the Name of Jesus Christ, that they are not aware they are dying of hunger. In their state of starvation for the Holy Word, they are going out into eternity without the Lord Jesus Christ.

Know that people who fast too long will go to their death not realizing they are starved, not even realizing they are hungry, as they have walked too long without nourishment. They are oblivious to their state of mind and body – and soul! They are a prideful people who walk this life. "Pride goeth before a fall." **Awaken!!** before it is eternally too late.

Those are unteachable indeed, who do not learn their dependence upon God, when all creature-comforts fail. Many claim an interest in the peculiar blessings to true believers, while their conduct proves them enemies of God. They call this groundless presumption strong faith, when God's testimony declares them entitled to his threatenings, and nothing else (Matthew Henry Concise Commentary Eze 33.21-29).