



# 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

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit (Mt 7.15-17).

As you commit your life to the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit, be not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be not ashamed of your Lord and the call upon your life and your decision to go where the Lord calls you and sends you - come what may.

But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy [are ye]: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ (I P 3.14-16).

Go with the Psalmist,

**I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD**

I will make mention of thy righteousness, [even] of thine only" (Ps 71.16).

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*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).*

## ***I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord***

Where are you in your walk with the Lord? Has He asked of you a hard thing? Has He taken you through a hard valley? Have you felt alone and lost at times, wondering where you are going and what is going on in your life?

The Lord has said He will return, He will return for His own? However, until that time, we must walk on with Him. Are we ready to go anywhere the Lord sends? I am reminded of Dwight L. Moody's sermon on "Enduement for Service." The following are excerpts from his sermon.

Let every one ask, "**Am I in the right place? Am I where God wants me to be?**" If we would do that, it might break up a good many pastorates. **Are you ready — ready to cut the tie?**

**If you want this power for service God will give it to you.** Just say: "**Here I am, Lord. Send me where you please — only give me souls. Give me power to win souls for Jesus Christ.**"

Are you toiling all night and catching nothing? **Cast the net on the right side.** Come, my friend, **are you ready to go anywhere?** Can you say: "**Lord, send me to whom you will — only send me. Let that power come upon me, that I may win souls for Jesus Christ?**" May we have no will but God's sweet will. Oh, that our wills may be swallowed up in God's will.

**Oh, I pray from the depths of my soul that as long as I live I may be filled with the Holy Ghost. Let us pray that we may be filled with this power from on high; and that we may be always ready — ready for anything.**

In these days that lie before us, we are ever reminded of the nearness of our Lord's return. Time is of the essence to go forth proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, The Way, the Truth, and The Life.

We cannot go forth in our own strength, and we must ask, as we go, are we being led by the Holy Spirit - or are we going on in our own way, our own strength? Are we running from our circumstances **or** are we running to where the Lord is sending us? The Psalmist gives to us direction in our going as we **wait** upon the Lord that we might walk in His leading.

I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *[even] of thine only.*

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto *[this]* generation, *[and]* thy power to every one *[that]* is to come (Ps 71.16-18).

As we walk through this valley of which not only the US is walking, and, I might say at it's choosing by failing to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, every nation is going through this valley. But oh, how the Psalmist words have become my words in my old age.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth (Ps 71.9).

These are days in which many of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ may be praying with the Psalmist, King David, his prayer. Oh, how hard it must have been for the King to have such enemies. Perhaps some of us can identify with King David.

How sad it is that in these days in which we live many of the "church-goers" lie in wait for our soul, and they take counsel together. How many of the "churches" are meeting to pray one for another, the body of Christ, knowing how far they, themselves, have fallen from the Lord Jesus Christ? How many of them weep over the pain and suffering of those who endeavor to live for the Lord, but have great battles before them, are persecuted by the enemy.

But then, do we need to ask, who is the enemy that would endeavor to pull at us - *in the name of jesus* - desiring our downfall, not knowing the only living Jesus, the only begotten son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

There are many who pull at us endeavoring to distract us from hearing the voice of the Lord, endeavoring to distract us desiring we would look down to where they are living that we might not go on with the Lord Jesus Christ.

For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *[there is]* none to deliver *[him]*.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help (Ps 71.10-12).

This is not paranoia for the Psalmist experienced those who lay in wait for the downfall of those who love the Lord God Almighty with their heart, mind, and soul. Oh, they act like they are concerned as they stand idle with idle talk, gossip, seeking whom they may devour. The Word of God is very clear about the devil and those he uses to accomplish his evil in the lives of those "whom he may devour."

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1Pe 5:9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

So often, he is able to distract us from hearing the Lord - as the Lord calls us to follow Him. The Lord makes it clear that the way to life is a narrow road, and few there be that find it (Mt 7.14).

And when he had called the people *[unto him]* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me (Mk 8.34).

Paul made clear the sufferings he experienced - were for the glory of the Lord. He encourages us to walk on when even those who are "church-goers," come strongly against those endeavoring to walk the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross*. And, lest you forget, let me remind you that Satan is a "church-goer" also, and attends more often than the other "church-goers."

When we cry out desiring to walk in obedience to the Lord saying, "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord," know that the enemy comes in to kill, steal, and destroy. He endeavors to steal our joy, destroy our hope and bring confusion in our endeavoring to hear the voice of the Lord. He endeavors to kill our soul that we might walk not with the Lord, and be partakers of the sufferings our our Lord.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *[are ye]*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified (1 P 4.12-14).

How many times have we heard someone say to us something that could have been sent by the enemy - or by the Lord. We must walk daily with the Lord that we might know His voice, and His voice alone.

Great confusion is many times given to us that we know not *The Way* of the Lord. I recall some who have said to us, So many things are coming against you that it is the enemy. Well, that sounded logical, and I listened, we listened. However, with time, my colleague and I began questioning that - as it could be true.

But, then, the Lord gives peace to His followers, even in the valley. Nehemiah wrote, "The joy of the Lord is our strength." So, words alone may not be the answer. We must seek the Lord's will in prayer, a time away from the world, that we might hear the voice of the Lord, Himself.

When we say, "I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord," know that the enemy is listening in on the conversation, and will bring half-truths to your mind, will put before you everything he can that may come from the Word of the Lord, but - but, go to the Word to see what the whole sentence, the whole verse, the whole paragraph - which may include several verses - says, and pray over it for understanding from the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself.

Yes, the Lord wants a willing heart to obey Him, and Him alone. Be wary of those who come to you in sheep's clothing but have the voice of a wolf.