



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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*of the
Lord
Jesus Christ*

Oh, this is blasphemous to use the Lord's name in vain, and there will be accountability regarding the precious Word of God.

Chapter Four of the Book of Malachi, gives to us a warning that the Day of the Lord is coming though many have mocked the Word and said, "oh, yeah, right!" Many do not believe. How many even today speak of the virus as something that "just happened." And, no understanding that it is not over even as of today, that there is more to come, and it will be as it was this time; it will go out to all nations by the sender - who knows not Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who mocks Him, blasphemes Him, curses Him while we stand by with nothing to say but - oh, it just happens. It is okay. god understands.

Oh, god may understand, but the Lord God Almighty does not, nor will He ignore it. There is a judgment day coming. Are you ready for that day to come?

See, I am sending you Elijah the prophet before the day of the Lord comes, that great day, greatly to be feared.

And by him the hearts of fathers will be turned to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers; for fear that I may come and put the earth under a curse (Mal 4.5, 6).

Are you ready for that day to come?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Are You Ready

For that Day to Come?

I was told on the 'phone on one occasion by someone in a professional office (?) who endeavored to make life miserable for me, "I am a Christian, and you are brash. You need to learn to be sweet, honey!" Then upon seeing this person in the office in which this person worked, this person called me, with the backside to me, sweet-pea, darling, honey - all within less than 120 seconds. My response was, that is not my name. To which the person said in anger, "I am busy, and I do not have time for this." Then the person stepped outside the door to listen to what was said to the person that was sent into the room. The person sent in was under the authority of the other person, but was very professional. I did give words of encouragement that this person not change and take on the persona of the one telling her what to do, knowing the conversation was being overheard.

Then received a letter from the "top" person, or at least the one who thought s/he were the top person, though governed by the employees, it does seem. The letter falsely accused me of something.

Reading the Word of the Lord, Psalm 71, then give special attention to verses 1, 10-16 caused me to endeavor to come to grips with the christians of today, christian meaning western ideology, for some years in this nation that was once known as a nation that knew the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is most challenging to walk on with so many misusing the word, Christian, though with a small c, who hate those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and endeavor to live for Him, Who loved the world so much that He gave His life for all on the Cross of Calvary that all might give their hearts and lives to Him, endeavoring to live a life of holiness.

But that has been long since the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His commands upon our lives has been preached. Today, the majority stand on a pulpit giving forth patronizing speeches that they might grow financially, and grow a following. Life, today, is all about self.

How long has it been since you hungered for righteousness, for a godly country, a country who knows the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Israel? How long since you knew what it was to be in an all night prayer meeting for the souls of the lost? How long since you were in His

Word seeking His Truth, the *Via Dolorosa, The Way of the Cross*, that leads home, that leads to heaven.

How long since you preached the *Message* of Jesus Christ with your life? How long since any around you recognized your love for the Lord Jesus Christ? Uh - you do love Him, do you - with your life? How long since your life lived for the Lord Jesus Christ made a difference in the life of your family? Your friends? Your co-workers?

How long since you knew the power of God working in you and through you for His glory? We have become so self sufficient and reliant on others even for our health. We are a people who can be called a faithless generation (Mt 17.17; Mk 9.19; Lk 9.41; Rev 6.10). We lack faith and truth in the Lord Jesus Christ, not only for our lives, our health, but also for this nation. We live in doubt, wavering. We live turning to the enemy, to Satan and his followers, that is leading this nation - no, that has already lead this nation across the chasm to hell.

Who among us is standing for the Lord Jesus Christ? Who among us loves the Lord Jesus Christ so much that we are proclaiming that Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Israel, is "the way, the truth, and the life"? Who among us is willing to lay down our lives for Him?

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (Jn 15.12-14).

Yes! There are many, who through the centuries have laid down their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ - even in our time. But, who among us - if the time comes when we are lead to the slaughter?

Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.
And Philip ran thither to *[him]*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said,
Understandest thou what thou readest?
And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.
The place of the scripture which he read was this, **He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:**
In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.
And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?
Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached unto him Jesus** (Acts 8.29-35).

Who among us stood for the Lord Jesus Christ when one person, one woman, took prayer out of schools? Satan is alive and sick as ever! But, what about us? Are we not following Satan when we allowed this to happen? Why is it that one person standing for Satan *seems* stronger than a mighty army for the Lord? Have we no knowledge of the Holy Word today? Have we too long listened to the versions that have weakened the meaning of the Holy Bible, and pastors say, oh, word usage? That is just a little nuance on the word. It does not matter which word you use. For example one pastor said regarding Acts 16.15, that it does not matter which way or what words are used - if the person understands what they read.

Act 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *[us]*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Act 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *[us]*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *[there]*. And she constrained us. (KJV)

Let us understand well the meanings of **judged** and also **faithful**:

To pronounce judgment
of those who act the part of judges or arbiters in matters of common life, or pass judgment on the deeds and words of others (Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

Firm in adherence to the truth and to the duties of *the Lord Jesus Christ*.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev 2.

Firmly adhering to duty; of true fidelity; loyal; true to allegiance; as a faithful subject. Constant in the performance of duties or services; exact in attending to commands; as a faithful servant. (Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

I believe you will find that the versions used below make light of the Word of the Lord and use words people use today - but without depth in understanding the Word of the Lord.

Act 16:15 When Lydia and her family were baptized, she invited us to stay at her home. She said, "If you're convinced that I believe in the Lord, then stay at my home." She insisted. So we did. (GW)

Act 16:15 When she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If in your judgement I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house." And she made us go there. (WNT)

Act 16:15 After she and the people of her house had been baptized, she invited us, "Come and stay in my house if you have decided that I am a true believer in the Lord." And she persuaded us to go. (GNB)

Act 16:15 After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household, she said in a surge of hospitality, "If you're confident that I'm in this with you and believe in the Master truly, come home with me and be my guests." We hesitated, but she wouldn't take no for an answer. (MSG)

Act 16:15 And when she and her family had had baptism, she made a request to us, saying, If it seems to you that I am true to the Lord, come into my house and be my guests. And she made us come. (BBE)

Oh, there is a vast difference to believe in something and being found **faithful** to that which one believes. How sad that most people do not know the language - nor do they want to know. I can recall over 30 years ago when if someone thought that a light bulb was an airplane, so be it. You could and still can use words incorrectly - and no one cares, certainly the person who does so and is so proud of their ignorance - as are those who supposedly teach language skills today.

How many times and how many people, for example, standing right next to me in a state in the NW, for example, say, "I'm going to come to NY." Huh?

My point is how can one teach and preach the Word of God when they do not use nor understand the meaning of words in the English language? I am not even beginning to write about understanding the Biblical languages.

Oh, the Word of God in Christ Jesus, the Holy Bible, has become a novelty, a by-word, just another book that you can *make it say* what you want and proclaim God said it.