



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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Lord
Jesus Christ*

Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *[were]* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

The Lord Jesus Christ makes it clear in the Gospels that we must awaken to what is going on around us lest we fall into the way of the world. (Mt 7.13; Mk 7.14; Lk 13.24)

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *[is]* the gate, and broad *[is]* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Mat 7:14 Because strait *[is]* the gate, and narrow *[is]* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew goes on to make it clear that we need to be discerning and in prayer as we walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, that we might know the Lord and Him alone.

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

BE AWARE of those around you who would, with joy, lead you astray.

Satanic

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Webster's 1828 Dictionary

Satanic

SATAN'IC,

SATAN'ICAL, a. Having the qualities of Satan; resembling Satan; extremely malicious or wicked; devilish; infernal.

Detest the slander which with a satanic smile, exults over the character it has ruined.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Shake off the Dust from Your Feet!

Have we been so desirous of walking the way of agreement, the way of desiring to be liked and well thought of that we have forgotten the Holy Word of God in Christ Jesus - *if ever we knew it?*

When Jesus sent forth His disciples, He did not send them forth saying, Be careful you do not offend anyone. Be careful you do not go against someone to hurt their feelings. Be careful not to go against their gods because their gods are real to them, and we cannot make an enemy of them. Be careful not to say something to put them and their gods down. If you do not know anything about their religion, you cannot speak against their ways.

Shake off the Dust from your feet carries with it that their teachings, the teachings of those who know not Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, will pollute the Word of God in Christ Jesus. How many have mixed with the Word of the Lord other teachings from other lands, and have endeavored to make the Word of God to no effect! Yes, other teachings have no power to make the Word of God of none effect; however, it has power to lead people away from the Truth of the Lord Jesus Christ, teachings that are against the Lord Jesus Christ - if one is listening to it.

You cannot mix the teachings of the heathens with that of the Lord God in Christ Jesus. There is one way, and it is walking with the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus on the *Via Dolorosa*. *The Way of the Cross* leads home, leads us to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord God gave to us commandments of which one says, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Have you not read of what the children of Israel did? Have you not read of how their land was polluted with the heathens that they brought in with their many gods that caused the children of Israel to walk with the gods of this world? This is no different than today when this nation invited in those with other gods and began worshiping them. Have you not heard taught that you are to be neighborly, you are to be kind and learn of their way - though most do not know the Word of the Lord God as they turn to those with other gods? Have you not heard that you need to study the other religions so you can lead them to join you - while learning their ways you have become one with them - because most do not begin to know what the Holy Word of the Lord Jesus Christ teaches.

How many over the years of our ministry coast to coast have we asked, "Do you read the Holy Bible daily," to which they react with "I don't have time;" I read a devotion book;" "I pray;" "I go to church." To which I respond to the "I go to church" with - And so does Satan.

We are so polluted that we do not have time for the Lord Jesus Christ. We have heard for years that God loves us, so whatever we do is just fine. We have heard, "Don't worry because if that woman on the can get you to where you are going when you make all the wrong turns, so can god."

I tell you this is not about the Lord God in Christ Jesus getting you to heaven as He has already given to us the way to heaven. It is up to us to follow Him, to follow Jesus all the way according to the teachings of the Holy Bible. We are to repent of our sins, and ask Jesus Christ to come into our lives to be our Savior and LORD of our lives, to live a life of holiness daily that we might not take a wrong turn, that we might not go with the "church-goers" and their motivational speaker who are walking with Satan. We must walk with the true Church, those who seek the Lord Jesus Christ in their daily walk according to the Word of God.

We need to daily be in the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ, both the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word, the Bible, that we might know the way that leads home to Heaven. But, we need to know the way that leads home, home in Jesus Christ as we look to our heavenly home.

We need to walk this way daily and grow in grace in the Lord Jesus Christ. Read His Holy Word seeking His guidance and understanding of His Word, and a heart to walk in obedience to Him - and Him alone.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 [Seeing] then [that] all these things shall be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought ye to be in [all] holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2Pe 3:15 And account [that] the longsuffering of our Lord [is] salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2Pe 3:16 As also in all [his] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

2Pe 3:18 But **grow in grace, and [in] the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him [be] glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Too long there are those who have bowed down to the gods of the world, seeking to make a name for themselves, seeking to rise in the world, seeking to rise to the top at any expense doing whatever it takes to rise in power.

Where are you in all of this? Where are you with the LORD Jesus Christ Who gave His life for you, was crucified on the Cross of Calvary for your sins and mine - that we might live for Him Who died for us - AND Who rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave.

The time has come when one needs to ask questions: "What do I want in this life? What is it for which I am seeking? Wherein lies my joy? Wherein lies my peace?" What are your answers to these questions? Are you just asking the questions making light of what is going on in your life? Or, are you asking these questions, seeking to know what it is you need of the LORD Jesus Christ? Do you know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

It is time to shake the dust from off your feet. There is a difference of meaning of dust in Matthew's Gospel and Luke's Gospel than in Mark's Gospel. Matthew and Luke write of *raised dust, flying dust*, where Mark write of *earth dug out, an earth heap*. There are times we encounter that which does not adhere to our way of life because we have actually shaken off the dust upon the encounter. However, there are those sins of which we have encountered and of which we have even stopped to "taste," and have allowed the sin to come into our lives. Perhaps we have gone back to it to partake of it again - and then again. It is then we realize we have not only tasted of the sin, but we partook of it, and it is now that which is more difficult to shake off, and we need to seek forgiveness of the Lord Jesus Christ that we might shake off the "earth dug out, an earth heap," because it has clung to us.

Satan is cunning and knows how to catch us unawares, to catch us off-guard, if you will; and we need the strength of the Lord to shake it off permanently, seek the Lord's forgiveness and cleansing that we might go on in him.

There are times we think we can taste of something Satan puts before us, just one taste, but then it has in it a substance, if you will, that makes it very difficult to let go of and walk away forever. We need the Lord Jesus Christ to cleanse us, forgives us, and remove the desire we have for that which is not of the Lord Jesus Christ, lest we continue walking in sin and follow the crowd across the chasm, lest we go too far on the chasm that leads to hell - and no longer have a desire to walk on with Jesus Christ, no longer able to shake the dust from off our feet because it has become a heap as in Mark's Gospel.

Yes, the Gospels teach us of walking away from those who refuse to hear the Word, thus refuse us, lest we become like they are. We must choose this day whom we will serve. There is no walking with one foot in Satan's ways and one with the Lord Jesus Christ. There is but one way that we can walk and we have to choose this day whom we will serve (Joshua 24.15).