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Receiving The Prophet's Reward! (In Hard To Navigate Times)

Matt. 10:41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Prov. 24:14 So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Reward is a matter of the soul receiving from God.

Heb 11:6bhe (God) is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The diligent that do seek the Lord are set apart for the Lord's ministry unto needful mankind. Oft times men are challenged to receive from the worldview of the prophet that have been shut in with God. We do so receive by the Spirit of grace....as the prophet has been touch by God in receiving the communiqué that he brings to us....and if followed the Lord's blessing is attached. The view that the prophet gives seems remarkable different from the flow of what is presently seen...This is because they have been permitted to see into the realm of the Spirit....having to do with the hearts of men and how these directions set the course and consequences.

Gal. 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

It is the contrast between light and darkness and the course and consequence that the prophet is authorized by God to show. We have many examples in God's Word that show us that the same prophets who revealed the future also preached RIGHTEOUSNESS... calling men to repent. The heart of the people were often far removed from what the true prophet had to offer. We see that here:

Isa. 30:10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us (((right things))), smooth things, prophecy deceits...

You can tell that a people have sunk into the depths of sin and depravity when their desires are for darkness... a cloke for sin.... deafness toward the preaching of righteousness... wanting smooth seductive words and lies over the sharpness of God's truth and clear conviction by His Spirit. So when we see this today as NORMAL spirituality in the church it points to the fact that the church is already in ruins.

The false prophets are always....man pleasers!

Lk. 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Gal. 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

1Thess. 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

Today the prophets are speaking describing the ruin of the church and the spiritual conditions of our nation. While the years of former generation being faithful toward God have built up the benefits which are acknowledged as “God shed His Grace on thee!” we live in another America today which seeks to live off the benefits of that “Grace” without living after God at all. Yes, God has richly blessed the nation in which we now live...but that grace which has been now is being spoken about in the prophets sayings “It shall be no longer, a people whose heart is so far from God, being blessed by His grace.” This is why time after time we have heard:

2Chron. 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and (((turn from their wicked ways))); then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (nation).

It is the backslidden conditions of the church which is responsible for the our backslidden nation this is that which the prophets have been talking about. It is the church that the prophets are calling to repentance...this is the key to revival and the change of the nation.

Unholy Gospels

Jerm. 6:14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly (not seriously –superficially), **saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.**

The false prophets hold no healing for the nation, nor can they cure the church’s backslidden condition, but the false prophets offer instead a false security. They say, “Peace.” The condition of the church is worse here than the condition of heathen sinners, yet the false prophets make light of the backslidden condition and ruin.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness(a work of the flesh), and denying the only Lord God(which brought them out), **and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Turning Grace- a perverted grace here...a false teaching which deigns the vital relationship, which furthers a return to bondage and return to transgressions.

450 False Prophets To 1 Prophet

(The Crowd Was Wrong In Leaving The Lord’s Word)

1Kgs. 22:12-23 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hand. And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

(Represents a political spirit in the church to go along with the wrong) Some believe that if they can build a consensus group that upon this strength of the majority they will have the right to do whatever they want to do. This doesn’t represent the Lord nor His approval.

And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and

prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD? And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, (((Thou shalt persuade))) him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

Persuasion here is manipulation – a lying spirit – deception sent for judgment of a King whose heart wasn't right with God. Is it this same judgment from God which that gives backslidden people over to a lie?

Rom. 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge (the rejection of God Word in their hearts, also regards the knowledge of the truth), **God gave them over to a reprobate mind...**

Demon Influence & Deception

1Kgs. 22:22-23 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

2Tim. 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate (given over to a reprobate mind) **concerning the faith.**

People go so far away from God (and right reasoning, sound doctrine) because they have traveled there by their own rejection of God, His truth, His Word!

The Lord's Test

Deut. 13:3 Thou shalt not hearken (listening) unto the words of that (false) prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: (((for the LORD your God proveth you, to know))) whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

We can be faced with a test which can show our direction of heart, whether or not we have the right motives or not – do we really love the Lord or do we love ourselves. Since false prophets always tell the people what they want to hear...those who have a wrong heart before the Lord are lead astray – by the larceny which was in their own heart. Here the Lord lays the reproof upon those who followed after what was not the Lord. What are we listening to – behind every teaching there is a spirit influence whether good or bad.

1Jn. 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Origin of spirit please? Voices are coming – what are you listening to?

1Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh (((expressly))), that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...

What part of this is false doctrine is benign to the body of Christ?

1Pet. 2:25 For ye (((were))) as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Heb 12:9bshall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live (eternally)?

Name a spirit that is not in subjection to the Lord which will live eternally?

No longer should we desire to be lead astray by every wind...

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and (((carried))) about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive...

In contrast of coarse...

...but return to the Shepherd & Bishop (Pastor) of our soul (the overseeing and keep power of God's grace) of which our subjection is required – our spirit in conjunction with His Spirit... our minds in conjunction with Him mind....following Him at His Word.

This Is The Way To Go! (Guidance)

Isa. 30:21 And thine ears shall hear (((a word))) behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

The true prophet hears the Lord speaking this is the way to go... We know that the prophet always represents the Lord's righteousness.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword (refers to the ability of the Word of God to “probe”), piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Bible says the Word represents the truth and is the place from where discernment is known. The Word of God pierces the soul and the spirit, adequately proclaiming what man ought to be and can be in Christ; after the finished work of the Cross as well. Here the contrast is shown as to the “intent,” what many people are reluctant to want exposed... it is at the very heart of what matters to God.

Jn. 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...

Guidance is a matter of the conscience, so hearing and receiving guidance is a matter of being equipped. We know that if a person is truly converted in their heart toward God that the person with a clean heart toward the Lord they will have the ability to hear the Holy Spirit causing them to receive clear cut guidance.

Prov. 1:23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Issues of guidance however always rest upon whether the Lord has been given the reigns. A simple turning after the Lord at His correction makes all the difference whether we will receive more from the Lord. Both the ministry of the Holy Spirit as the teacher and the Word of God here are the guidance which are provided to the contrite of heart.

Our Dependence Upon The Lord (His Foundation In Our Lives)

Jn. 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Where would we go? Realizing that it is our following the Lord that causes us to hear the Words of life...we should be reminded about ourselves of our dependence from time to time, if our spirituality is one outside this dependency. Healthy Christianity is a complete dependence upon the Lord. We need our foundations to be that from which have already been established through the Cross.

Matt. 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock (The Rock is Jesus Himself – Immovable mass; Jesus is the Living Rock on which the redeemed as living stones are built; for other foundation can no man lay [I Corin.3:11]) **I will build my church**(the Church belongs to Christ, and He is the Head [Col.1:18]); **and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it** (the power of death caused by sin, shall not prevail against it, which victory was won at the Cross [Vss.21,24 as He goes on]).

Eph. 2:20 And are built upon the foundation (the Cross) **of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone** (Presents the part of the Foundation which holds everything together; Jesus Christ is the “Chief Corner Stone” by virtue of what He did at the Cross)

In these times here is where we need to keep our focus (the Cross). Our object of faith being fully in the Cross we have been complete access in fellowship to His Holy Spirit from which all counsel comes from.

1Pet. 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture (Isa.28:16), **Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious** (suggest that the Image of Jesus as the Chief Cornerstone is an important one for Faith, or for unbelief): **and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.**

The only way to avoid being misguided from receiving a wrong image and another Jesus is to have the Scriptures establish the true Image of Christ for us. If we are receiving the true Image of Christ according to the Scriptures our Faith will continue being strengthened by His Word. The importance of interpreting Scripture through the light of what the Cross has done is the fundamental Key to gaining this Foundation!

2Tim. 2:19 Nevertheless (No Matter What!) **the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

The Cross which is the Foundation and is our only object of Faith by which God's grace and victory over sin is SURE!
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