



## Living Waters Ministries

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### The Probing Nature Of God's Spirit And His Grace

All the great soul preachers of history have been men who denounced sin openly and boldly preach against it. Huss, and Wycliffe thundered against sin! The mighty preaching of Luther railed against sins of every kind in the decadent Roman Church. Every kind of gross sin among the people were dealt with during the reform. Men of God were outspoken prophets demanding righteousness and condemning evil. Wesley and Whitefield, and host of others Methodist preachers who followed them, went up and down England and in America preaching everywhere against sin and demanding repentance.

It is truly a gift from God that a minister would preach against sin in their congregation today probing into the darker regions of people's hearts, secret sins and larceny, seeking to deliver them from their wrong motives and ultimate judgment. It is the nature of the Holy Spirit that does this type of probing. This is none other than the true nature of God's Grace at work! ....

**1Cor. 14:25** And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth. This is the witness of his Spirit.

#### [Pastor- Prophet] Nathan The Sin Slayer (II Sam. 11:1-12:23)

Remember Nathan the prophet as he came to deliver the word of the Lord because of David's transgression? King David was responsible for the taking of another man's wife and the murder of her husband. It was King David's heart full of lust that caused His great sin. King David had a Pastor by the name of Nathan (the prophet) who discerned David's sin. Pastor Nathan wasn't afraid of pointing out the sin in his congregation. David often spent time in the presence of God worshipping and had developed a religious spirit (one disconnected from a real relationship with God). Yet all night long David swam in his bed because of his sin (Ps.6:6). David had at one time really known the Lord but now his heart was far from God. Before David had ever committed adultery he had committed adultery in his heart by turning away from his relationship with God.

Now Nathan came with God's Grace which was represented here as the word of the Lord for David to repent. Some may not understand this confronting Grace which comes from God, yet without this word of Grace there is nothing but judgment from God for sins committed. Yes, it was pure Grace when the man of God came out from God's awesome presence with the Word of the Lord against David's sin. What Grace from God was sent that day when [Pastor-Prophet] Nathan entered in and confronted his King. Surely Nathan did not value anything higher than the Word of the Lord that was able to confront and deliver David. This Word of Grace came with a cost! Every Word of Grace costs something...

**Eph 4:15** But speaking the truth in love... It would take Nathan placing his life in jeopardy. Yet he loved David and chose to come to him anyway holding the sword of the Spirit in the velvet glove of God's compassion! You see, God was planning to strike down David by His wrath and judgment for his crime and send him straight to HELL! Yet Pastor Nathan interceded and preached a message that unloaked David's sins, giving David the opportunity to repent for his sins, and seek the Lord for forgiveness,

#### Judging Preaching Against Sin Correctly

You see motivation can be judged in different ways. When we see that God's judgment and destruction was to be prevented by the preaching against sin then we start to comprehend the compassion of God for sending such a person into our lives. When [Pastor-Prophet] Nathan turned the mirror on King David and David saw for himself his own committed sins the reaction was to strike back, to slay the prophet of God for his telling of the truth in love. When King David was confronted he didn't continue to seek a cloak for his sins. David was smarter than that. Who could hide his sins from the Almighty God? David's sin was visible not only before God, but also before all of Israel. Was David to just go on about his business after the prophet had nailed him to his sin? Here is where playing with God is risky.

Acts chapter 5 - Ananias and Sapphira in the New Testament only got three chances to repent; when they missed their opportunity judgment was sudden.

**Rom.11:22 Behold the goodness and the severity of the God!**

**II Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he has done, whether it be good or bad.**

David was struck down by his own sins!

King David made his choice to come clean with God. He repented openly before everyone of his crimes of sin. God forgave David but the consequences for his sin cost him the death of his child and the building of the new temple for God (David's ministry taken from him), and the sword not leaving his house. These were the lesser judgments from God because of David's sin.

Because of his confession and open repentance he still was allowed to live, and he was reconnected to fellowship with God. The last of which is more valuable than anything we can have, restored fellowship with God's Spirit.

**The Nature Of Probing Grace** (The Ministry Of The Holy Spirit Is A Reproving Ministry)

Ministers do not begin to even touch ministering to people until the probing Grace of God is working unto deliverance from sin. The process of deliverance comes first by laying a foundation of the Word in a person's life. Then the Spirit of God begins to probe, and to bear down on the roots of sin in our lives, to cut them off, and to free us from their dominance and eradicate them out of our lives.

No discipleship has ever taken place without the cutting off of personal sins in our lives. We cannot truly be following Jesus Christ on an ongoing basis without these Spirit dealings.

**John 15:22 Jesus said, "If I had not come and spoken to them, they had not had (exposed) sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin."**

**He who loves God comes to the light, that his deeds may be shown that they are right with God.**

**Heb. 12:5-14 God is the Father of all spirits and his nature (the nature of Grace) is to confront, chasten, and correct all He loves.**

**If you put off (resist) chastisement, whereof all (God's children) are made partakers, then you are bastards, and not the sons (of the Father God).**

Faint not when you are rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loves he chastens and scourges.

There are two possible consequences of the Lord's discipline: (a) that we might not be finally condemned with the world (I Cor. 11:31-32), and (b) that we might share God's holiness and continue to live sanctified lives without which we will never see the Lord (Heb. 12:10-11, 14).

It is God's chastening that causes us to yield, producing the harvest of "righteousness" which the Lord requires of us. The Spirit of grace always produces in us a will to what is pleasing to the Lord.

**Heb. 12:14 Without sanctification (holiness) no man will see the Lord.** RV.

Sanctification spoken here is the sanctification which the Spirit desires to work in our lives, delivering us from sin's dominion and presence, demonic strongholds. Without the cleansing of sin it will be impossible to know the blessed vision of the Lord that awaits all who yield to purity of heart. **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God [Matt. 5:8].** Not only our more soundly secured in Christ but our perception of God is much clearer because we yield to His sanctification in our lives.

**II Cor. 11:2 If a preacher really and truly loves our soul he wants to present us to the Lord as a chaste virgin. This is the example the apostle Paul gives to the church of carrying out true ministry to the body of Christ.**

**"For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy."**

The Holy Spirit is actually jealous over us to present us to God as a pure virgin.

**Jas.4:5 "The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusts to envy.." KJV.**

**'The Spirit He causes to live in us envies intensely..' NIV.**

**VS.6 "GOD RESIST THE PROUD AND UNYIELDING, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."**

If we are resistant to the Holy Spirit's probing Grace, standing in pride God's Grace may escape us.  
If we are not desirous or willing for sin to be dealt with in our lives, God's Grace may escape us.

Is this the type of preacher that you are looking for? – one who will chasten you with Spirit of God and Word confronting, correcting, and presenting you as a pure virgin Church to the Lord?

People who will run from this message are really running from the Grace of God!

**Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities [sins].** Our message is the separation of sin from the sinner, and the sinner from their sin.... This is the true message and example we have known, Jesus Christ who set men free through His Word. Here it says that Jesus was blessing them in turning them away from their **SINS!**

Do you appreciate when your minister grabs you out of sin's clutches and sets you free through the power of preaching the truth in love??? Do you realize he is snatching you from the fires of Hell???

Love is his pure motivation when he seeks to set the captive free. "Please, Know That!"

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