

The Truth of God V

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One of the frequent things that we see in the Gospels is the fact that Jesus taught the people. Mark 1:21-22 says this; “And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.”

Jesus was a true Shepherd. He cared for the sheep. He did not feed them hay and stubble. He fed them the Word of God. He taught them the Word of God. He knew what gave them life. It was His Word. Mark 6:34 also says; “And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.”

Jesus knew that the Pastors had failed to teach them the Word. The people were dying of hunger. That was a problem that had occurred throughout the history of the nation of Israel. The religious Jews had failed to teach the people the Word of God as they were commanded by Moses in Deut. 4:14 where he wrote; “And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.”

Even though the religious Jews still had an appearance of being faithful believers in the Lord, they were proclaiming things that were not part of the Word of God. By that they were prophesying lies. The prophet Jeremiah wrote in Jeremiah 2:8; “The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.”

Unfortunately what was happening back then is still happening today. Pastors are failing to teach the Word of God. They are not fulfilling their calling! Instead of leading the congregation in a very well prepared and studied Bible study, they will lead them in a “feel good” sermon with which they will try to touch the emotions of the individuals.

Pastors have not been called to have a luxurious career where the only sweating that takes place is on Sunday mornings as they walk up and down the stage while they scream up a storm with a shaky voice like if they are about to cry. Pastors have been called to “feed” the sheep. That is, to “teach” the Word of God because the truth of God is in the Bible.

The Lord said in Jeremiah 12:10-12; “Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.”

I believe that today many Pastors need to stop teaching humanistic philosophy and Psychology from Americas pulpits, and start teaching the Word, the WHOLE Word, and nothing but the Word. Pastors need to stop feeding hay and stubble to their flocks. Pastors need to stop teaching filth and lies to their people and start teaching the Word of God once again. Pastors need to stop teaching their people that it's O.K. to run around like crazy all over the sanctuary, and hit the floor and shake and bake, or bark like dogs, or make various types of animal noises, because IT IS NOT! That has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit. That is a sign of a weak church that does not teach the Word. This type of church is typified like a dry leaf that is carried by the wind to and fro. Paul wrote in Ephesians 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;"

When a Pastor fails to teach the Word to his congregation, his church will fall for any little false doctrine that the enemy will bring their way. And unfortunately that is a common problem among churches today. Many within those churches don't know what to believe because they are not getting the Word of God book by book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse.

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