

The Truth of God VI

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One of the facts that we see in Scripture is that God did speak to the Prophets in the Old Testament in different times and in different ways. He spoke through signs, visions, dreams, and through an audible voice. He has now "...in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,..." (Heb.1:2). And as we have previously seen, anything that we need to know about God is found already written in His Word. There is nothing new that can be said about God that He has not revealed already in Scripture. That is, there is no new doctrine or fact about God that man can come to know. If the "new revelation" or "doctrine" is not in the Word it is not true. It does not matter how famous the pastor, teacher, priest, rabbi, etc. might be.

I bring that up again because of the fact that the Word of God is hardly being taught in many of the churches throughout the United States. That causes many of today's Christians to believe things about God that are not found in Scripture. And unfortunately because of the lack of the teaching of the Word, many do not know what to believe or what they believe at all. And unfortunately when such Christians see or hear something on T.V. (The Davinci Code, Discovery Channel's UFO & the Bible, etc) they are so quick to believe it. At the same time, when a cult comes to their door, they do not know how to respond to their questions and give a defense for what they believe in. Due to that they are so quickly deceived.

Unfortunately, instead of teaching the Word, humanistic philosophy, jokes and feel good stories that might touch the emotions are being shared from the pulpits today. That should not be the case because people do not need such things. People need the Word of God. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, 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" (Hebrews 4:12). When the hard times of life come around, the emotional stories and jokes that come from the pulpits will do nothing for those going through a hard time. The only thing that will carry the people through and cause them not to lose hope as they go through hard times will be the Word of God and only the Word of God.

It has been estimated that some 85% or so of today's Americans consider themselves Christians. But if that is true, why is our nation in a moral collapse? Why are immoral leaders being elected into office? Why is there so much crime? Why has God been kicked out of the public schools and public life? Well let me tell you why. Because many of today's pastors have failed to teach the Word of God. Due to that, those that sit under such pastors have no moral convictions when they cast their vote for someone who might have the speech and look of a President, but stands against what the Bible says.

It has been said that history repeats itself. Because the same thing was taking place in the Old Testament, the Lord spoke to the pastors of those days through Jeremiah the prophet saying; "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not

visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 23:1-2). Hosea the Prophet wrote; “Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” (Hosea 4:1, 6).

There are a few questions that I would like to ask you the reader. What kind of church do you attend? Is your pastor teaching you the Word of God? If not, then you need to speak with him about it. If he brushes you off, you need to find a church that will teach you the Bible.

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