

THE HOLY WORD

Esteeming The Messenger

- I. 2Ch36:12-16-They're failing to recognize the holiness of God's messengers and the holiness of God's words in the mouth of His messenger; They disesteem the preaching of the Word; The messenger/message mean nothing to them
 - A. Are God's messengers holy?-2Pt1:21-For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; Eph3:5-Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit
 1. They're not holy in/of themselves; What makes them holy is the One who sent them and the holy message they carry
 2. Should we treat the ones that God has sent to us like they really are from God and in turn like they are holy?
 - a. The way you treat the messenger is the way you're treating the one who sent the messenger-*John 13:20-He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me*
 - B. Satan wants your respect for God's messengers to be so small that you have none that you look to, none over you that you allow to speak into your life – Where's your level of respect for God's messengers?
 1. *They mocked the messengers of God*-Looking down at and joking and laughing at (Mock-Deride, laugh at in contempt, treating as worthless, state of being despised); It's this thing of I'm better than you, I'm smarter than you and you and what you're saying is valueless, silly (This happens from the world to the church, from camp to camp)
 - a. Often this is the attitude the world has about preachers; (*I.E. That praying in tongues, that health and wealth, that prosperity, that name it and claim it* – It's this thing that it's so silly and worthless and not real and you're less than me because you believe it is)
 - b. The world mocks you if you oppose them in an attempt to discredit you and rob people of your message
 - 1) Satan wants to disesteem the messenger to keep you from the message; If he's a kook his message no good
 - 2) It's the message they're against, not you because the enemy comes to steal the word-Mk4:15
 - 3) The messengers that aren't mocked carry a message that the enemy doesn't care if you have
 2. *They misused his prophets*-(Misuse-Maltreat, treat improperly, use improperly)
 - a. They were supposed to be used as a gift and a blessing to the people. but the people didn't use them like that
 - C. Holy Words, God's Words can be found in the mouth of men
 1. The words are coming out of the mouth of men, but they aren't man's words, they're God's words and they are to be treated as God's Words; That makes what they're saying a Holy thing, to be valued, respected, revered; They may be flesh and blood, but those words are spirit and life
 - a. 16-They despise the message-(Despise-Disesteem, regard w/contempt, treat as spoiled or no longer of value)
 2. 1Th2:13-A man teaching/preaching by the spirit of God under the anointing of is speaking the Holy Words of God; If you don't believe this is true, then you don't believe the Bible (I.E. Why we preserve the messages?)
 - a. Most when they listen to men preach are not seeing it as God's words, but man's words; But is it man's words? And this is problem because if despise the words of God (even in the mouth of men) it brings destruction
- II. God uses preachers to speak His holy words and those holy words put faith in us so that God can move in our lives
 - A. God works through our faith-Eph2:8, Rom4:16AMP, Rom5:2, Heb11:11, Mk5:25, Lk7:50, Mt8:13, Mt9:29
 1. Mk6:5, Mt13:58-Where were was no faith God wasn't able to do for people what he wanted to do-No channel
 - a. Ps78:41-God was more than capable to get the first generation into the land, but he was limited by their unbelief
 - b. Mt14-He was able to keep Peter from falling until Peter's lack of faith limited him from doing so
 - B. Rom10-At the center of this process of God moving in your we find a preacher-God uses preachers to kick start it

1. He starts with the answer, with the salvation, saying it's available and it's for everybody, but then he walks you back through this process of a how a man is going to receiving salvation from God (which God wants to give the man)
 - a. You will not call on someone you have no faith in; I'm not going to call on you, if I don't believe you can help; You are not going to have faith in someone of whom you've never heard; How are you going to hear without a preacher? The understood answer is without a preacher you will not hear

2. These holy words in the mouth of a preacher put the most precious thing on the planet in my heart: Faith in God

- a. *Beautiful feet*-In 2Ch36 they mocked the preachers, despised them and in this verse it's the exact opposite
- b. I want to treat the vessel with respect because the contents of it are so precious

3. He can't preach without being sent because you can't deliver a message if God didn't give you one

C. Gods your answer, but only by faith does He have access & faith can't come w/o hearing & you can't hear w/o a preacher

1. Mk5:27-What does she need? She needs a miracle, but how does God work miracles? Through faith so she needs faith, but how do you get faith? By hearing the word, but how will she hear w/o a preacher? She needs a preacher
 - a. She had no faith in Jesus before she heard because she couldn't believe in whom she had never heard
2. Galatians 3:2,5-It was by the hearing of faith that they received the Spirit and miracles

D. If you have no preachers you're hooked to and esteem, you miss out the faith you need to see God move in your life like He wants to

1. What you can receive through a vessel is directly connected to how much you esteem the vessel
2. God so often will put your answer in the mouth of a preacher – God put their answer in a preacher's mouth-Num13

III. Ephesians 4:12-As men/women called and anointed of God speak the holy words of God equipping comes

A. Your training, equipping, development and strengthening is going to come through your connection with preachers

1. 8,11-*God gave gifts unto men*; These are gifts from God to the body of Christ so you must need them
2. Perfecting-Equipping, prepare, strengthening, adjust, to fit out, make one what he ought to be
 - a. He gave these gifts for the babying of the saints? For the winning of the lost? To reach the world? No these gifts are given to help strengthen and prepare those who are already born again
 - b. Do you need training and equipping after you get born again? Yes
3. So the sole focus of everybody in the church is not reach the lost, but this training is vital

B. The magnitude of our ministry is determine by the depth of your development; You can't perform beyond your preparation, you can't tackle a task beyond your training

1. Every believer has a ministry (service, those who execute commands) something he's called them to do
2. Without exposure to these gifts you won't be prepared and you won't fulfill the ministry God has called you to; There are things you need in regards to your equipping that you can get no other way, but through these gifts
3. So often people have little to no respect for these gifts and to many people it's just flesh and blood and He's just a man and they're not connected to anyone, they're not sitting under in teaching and they're under the deception that because THEY have the Holy Spirit they can get whatever they need by themselves and you are mistaking
4. *EHV-For the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving; GW-Their purpose is to prepare God's people to serve; PH-That Christians might be properly equipped; NO-Their purpose is to prepare God's people to serve; NL-Their responsibility is to equip God's people; NTE-Their job is to give God's people the equipment they need for their work of service; VO-So God's people would be thoroughly equipped to minister*
5. If you care about the work of the ministry and the KOG being advanced then you'll take your training very seriously

C. These gifts were given for the edifying (building up) of the body (it's also built up as people do the work of their ministry)

1. We're talking about these gifts functioning to make the body of Christ stronger; Does the body need to be strong?
 - a. The body can be getting bigger but weaker – A bigger army doesn't equal a stronger one
2. *CEV-So that his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong; ICB-He gave those gifts to make the body of Christ stronger; TLB-It is that God's people would be equipped to do better work for him, building up the church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; MSG-To train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ*

3. 14-You can't grow up spiritually without these gifts

D. Acts 5:42-They taught daily in the temple and in the houses of believers because believers need training

1. Acts 6:1-4-For the ministry gifts the work of the ministry NEVER takes precedence over the training of the saints

IV. Do you need a preacher?

A. 1 John 2:27-No one needs to teach you in regards to being deceived; That doesn't mean you don't need a preacher

1. This is referring to the reality that no one needs to teach you in regards to being seduced and led astray; You have the anointing in you to know what is the truth, what is a lie so that you won't be lead astray

a. *CEB-You don't need anyone to teach you the truth; NLT-You don't need anyone to teach you what is true; TLB-You don't need anyone to teach what is right; MSG-I've written to warn you about those who are trying to deceive you. But they're no match for what is embedded deeply within you – Christ's anointing no less; You don't need their so-called teaching. Christ's anointing teaches you the truth;*

b. That anointing is truth and is no lie – It's referring to be taught about who's discerning who's deceiving you

2. If you don't need anyone to teach you what are they doing in Acts 5:42; And why did God give you teachers?

a. Moses had Joshua, Elisha and Elijah, Timothy had Paul but you don't need anybody

B. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-We are supposed to know those who are over us in the Lord and in esteem them very highly

1. The respect for the messenger has to be in place if you're going to receive the message

a. *NLT-Honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect; NLV-The Lord has placed them over you and they are your teachers; VO-Those who are your leaders as they guide and instruct you in the Lord – They are priceless; TLV-Who are over you in the Lord and correct you*

2. Many don't know who these people are, don't respect them and so much is missed out on because of it

a. There are certain ministries/ministers that God has hooked you up with that you should be sitting under consistently and regularly because so many of the things you need for your life God will put in their hearts and mouth and faith will come, equipping will come as you sent under those ministries

b. Often because the respect for the messenger is so low, the holy word, the holy message is not received; The faith never comes and the believer is never developed; They are imperfect but the message is the Words of God