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## Editorial.

### PREACH THE WORD.

There are several wonderful charges given to persons in the old and new testaments. St. Paul used the same words in addressing Timothy on another occasion. (See 1 Tim. 5-21). The chapters of this epistle are inseparably linked together. The first and second by the words "Thou therefore my son." The second and third by the words "This know also," and the third and fourth chapters by the words "I charge thee therefore before God."

When reading this charge we note the word "therefore," which refers us to the preceding verses and we discover the why of this never to be forgotten and never to be disregarded charge engraven upon the very soul of this young preacher.

While reading these words it would almost seem that we can hear the heart throb of loyalty to God sounding in the words of the great apostle, as he inspired unfailing life long loyalty to the word in Timothy. First because of dangers to true Christianity that his prophetic vision discovered as the peril of the last days when empty forms of godliness (2 Tim. 3-5) would be quite general, accompanied by denial of the power of godliness. When everything supernatural would be eliminated from religion and the people would no longer endure sound doctrine.—(2 Tim. 4-3).

Second, that the scriptures are the only infallible remedy for this state, or preservation from it, and the right thing to preach when this condition prevails, whether people will endure it or not. St. Paul reminded Timothy of

his personal acquaintance with the scriptures. *From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus—* (2 Tim. 3-15). He declares the inspiration of the scriptures.

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect (Margin perfected) thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—* (2 Tim. 3-16-17).

Because of these inspired and infallible truths, I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ. Preach the word, notwithstanding I have told you that *All that will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

According to what we gather from a careful study of these passages, there are the most vital reasons why we should devote ourselves to preaching the word—not preaching from the word. Too many take a text and preach from it, and they get a long way from it soon after they begin, and never return to it again; in fact in many instances the thoughts they give to the people have absolutely nothing to do with the text they name.

It has been frequently said that "there is a vast difference between preaching holiness and preaching about holiness." So there is a vast difference between preaching about the word (going all around it) and preaching the word (or gospel) realizing it to be "the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth."

In preaching the word, we must preach Christ as the only remedy for the malady of sin. St. John says, *In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.* Again in the 1st epistle of John it is called "the Word of Life." What we are trying to say that all preaching apart from the presentation of the vital direct to the point, word of God, with the express purpose of the conversion, sanctification, upbuilding, reproof, correction or instruction in righteousness is a waste of time and energy. People who do not care for the presentation of the word of God for these purposes "will heap to themselves teachers" to tickle their ears, having a total disregard for eternity.

Dr. Adam Clarke puts it concisely thus:—They will add one teacher to another, run and gad about after all, to find out those who insist, not on the necessity of bearing the cross, of being crucified to the world, and having the mind that was in Jesus. In this disposition, interested men often find their account; they set up for teachers, and widen and strew with flowers the way down to eternal ruin," taking care to smooth the passions and flatter the vices of a trifling superficial people. (Itching ears), endless curiosity, an insatiable desire for variety, and then get their ears tickled with the language and accent of the person, abandoning the good and faithful preacher for the fine speaker because the truth strips them of their vices, sacrifices their idols, darts its lightnings against their easily besetting sins, and absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ—therefore they turn their ears away from it, and believe any kind of stuff and nonsense. As one has justly observed, "those who reject the truth are abandoned, by the just judgment of God, to credit the most degrading nonsense."

Oh, beloved, don't let us substitute bodily exercise, nor a rattle of empty words, for the life begetting, soul saving, sin destroying, heart cleansing, peace bestowing, heaven gaining, sincere milk of the word of God. "Preach the Word," with the Holy Ghost sent down

from heaven, "Who maketh his angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire."

## COURAGE BROTHER!

## COURAGE SISTER!

"There is a great and lofty virtue that we call courage, taking our name from the heart. It is the greatness of a great heart, the response and confidence of a man whose soul is rested in truth and principle."—*Bushnell.*

God said to Joshua:—

"Be strong and of good courage; only be thou strong and very courageous."

We are living in a day of great testing to the nations to finance, to courage on all lines, and the most subtle testing to real Scriptural Christian life, and also a time of testing to the churches on all lines of their work; I doubt if there has ever been such a general call for money to carry on the church enterprises, and to undertake new work which demands the attention of of the Christian church.

But there is great tests to be met by the individual Christian, and especially the holiness people. Every person who will live Godly have this legacy coming to them, "All who will live Godly shall suffer persecution," so we must assure ourselves that this legacy is sure to come, but where the greatest trial comes, is because of the immediate source from which it comes. It is fully understood from what source it originates. But we must not forget that Jesus has said: "A man's foes are of his own household," the people he loves best may be the medium through which his severest test comes. We know people who are undergoing the most severe trials from those who have taken the most sacred vows of mutual affection; we also know Christians who are undergoing the severest strain because of the things they are called to endure from those professing Christianity. These things are endless, and it is a waste of time to try and enumerate them. We would cry to you, dear brother or sister, "Be of good courage, be very courageous." Don't let your courage fail. Don't permit the enemy by any means to wreck your faith or to wreck your home, or drive you from the church, or the cause of holiness. One meaning of the word courage is "metal." Gold, pure gold, will stand these fiery tests and not diminish in value. Another meaning of the word is "calmness." True courage is calm under the severest tests. Another is fearlessness.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?—Psalm 27-1.*

What a foundation ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent word.

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