

These Perilous Times
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Whose Words Are We Pedaling?
{Thy Word Part III}

Those of us who are called upon to preach, teach and conduct public prophecy meetings, {which really includes all Christians according to their giftedness} have an awesome responsibility conveying God's word of truth and light. In fact, it is such a high calling to deny sharing the Everlasting Gospel is treason against heaven.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto *fables*." II Timothy 4:1-4

What does this mean for us?

Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season

"It is to be regretted that many do not realize
that the manner in which Bible truth is presented

has much to do with the impressions made upon minds and with the Christian character afterward developed by those who receive the truth. Instead of imitating Christ in his manner of labor, many are severe, critical and dictatorial. They repulse instead of winning souls. Such will never know how many weak ones their harsh words have wounded and discouraged.”¹

We’ve all heard the cliché, “it’s not what you say-but how you say it.” Our responsibility is to convey the “Three Angel’s Messages” in a Christ-like manner, {negating nothing of course}. God’s word, rightly spoken by the power of His Holy Spirit will convict and convert the heart of the sincere seeker of God’s will.

Just as equally important as saying things the correct way we need to be careful not to pass on to inquiring ears, fables in place of Bible truth. A fable is a fanciful, epigrammatic story usually illustrating a moral precept, {not to be confused with Jesus’ parables} or ethical observation. The characters are often animals, gifted with speech, and possessing the human traits commonly attributed to them.²

According to Strong’s Greek Dictionary of the Bible, Entry # 3454, *muthos* the Greek word from which the word fable comes from, means – a tale,

¹ E. G. White. Evangelism, p. 168

² The New Lexicon’s Webster’s Dictionary Eyclopedia Ed., 1989, p. 337

fiction , {myth}. Something to consider when giving so-called Bible illustrations.

“For the *word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword*, piercing to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, *and is a discerner of the thoughts of the heart*” Hebrews 4:12

We, my friends, are not the sword that does the cutting, God’s word is! The word of God indeed cuts to the heart, if it doesn’t; it’s not doing its transforming work. Are you dressed with the whole armour of God? Did you remember the Sword of the spirit- the word of God?

Let’s go back in time for a moment and notice the words of God’s anointed messenger, as she gives an account of the preaching of some of our early pioneers who did have the sword of the Spirit.

William Miller

Language of Truth - Mr. Miller’s manner of preaching was not flowery or oratorical, but he dealt in plain startling facts that roused his hearers from their careless indifference. He supported his statements and theories by scripture as he progressed. A convincing power attended his words that seemed to stamp them as the language of truth ...

He was an interesting speaker, and his exhortations, both to professed Christians and the impenitent, were appropriate and powerful. Sometimes solemnity so marked as to be painful, pervaded his meetings. A sense of the impending crisis of human events impressed the minds of the listening crowds.³

James White

Boldness in Acting and Speaking-God should have the glory for the unbending and noble courage to vindicate the right and condemn the wrong which my husband has had. Just such firmness and decision was necessary at the commencement of the work, and they have been needed all along, as it progressed step by step. He has stood in the defense of the truth without yielding a single principle to please the best friend. He has had an ardent temperament, bold and fearless in acting and speaking. ⁴

The law of the Lord is perfect *converting* the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”
Psalms 19:7

W. W. Prescott

³ E. G. White. *The voice in Speech and Song*, p. 387

⁴ *Ibid*, pp. 387, 388.

Source of Success – I know that since coming to this place he has had the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; his lips have been touched with a live coal from off the altar. We know and can distinguish the voice of the True Shepherd. The truth has been poured from the servant of God as the people had never heard it before; unbelievers turn pale and say, “That man is inspired” ⁵

Notice the words of Isaiah

Isaiah realized that in the presence of a Holy God he was undone, and nothing he could say could change that. However our Lord and Savior had other plans for Isaiah as he does for us. He was anointed with a live coal from God’s altar. We also need our lips anointed from heaven-which will not happen while engaged in sin of any magnitude.

According to Dr. Luke in Acts 2:38, and 5:32 those who repent and obey God will receive the unction of God’s Spirit. Then we can truly say as did Isaiah-“Here am I, send me.” ⁶

⁵ Ibid. p. 390.

⁶ Isaiah 6:5-8