**These Perilous Times**

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**“Calling all Preachers**”

**(Part II)**

God’s “remnant people” have been called to go to all the world and **preach** the “Everlasting Gospel” in the context of the “three angel’s messages.”[[1]](#footnote-1) It’s a good thing to be enthusiastic about preaching & teaching Bible Truth concerning the “last days” (as many of us are) Amen! However, we must be ever so careful, in our zealousness to teach and preach “Bible Truth,” that we don’t get caught up into fanatical movements that are responsible for many a believer leaving the body of Christ!

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

Zealot: “implies extreme or excessive degree- fanatical...” [[2]](#footnote-2) It’s not a sin to be zealous, concerning new “Bible Truths.” Actually it’s a good thing. But please remember that Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, was also zealous!

Through the years (by way of first-hand observation) I’ve witnessed many well-meaning believers go far beyond the boundaries of what constitutes the Sacred Scriptures (putting their own spin on it).

A few years ago Elder R. and I were invited to attend a private Bible study symposium. Everyone there stated: “we base what we believe on being *directly* led by the Holy Spirit.” I then asked, “How do you know that it was the Holy Spirit’s voice speaking to you.”

One of the spokesmen for the group then said, “One of the other members was instructed by God’s Spirit, and he then conveyed the message to us.” I then said, “Do you believe one’s theology *must be in complete harmony with the Bible* to confirm that it was indeed the Holy Spirit speaking? To which they all replied in unison, “NO”! Elder R. and I read a few Bible texts concerning the Holy Spirit promptings. [[3]](#footnote-3) They vehemently disagreed that all subsequent visions and “new spiritual light” must pass through the Bible sieve as the final rule of faith.

“And we are His witnesses of these things, and so is also the Holy Ghost, *whom God hath given to them that obey* Him.” Acts 5:32 (Italics supplied)

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

“I recommend to you, dear reader, the *Word of God* as the rule of your faith and practice. By that *Word* we are to be judged. God has, in that *Word* promised to give visions in the *“last days”;* not for a *new rule of faith*, but for the comfort of His people, and *to correct those who err from* *Bible* truth...” [[4]](#footnote-4) (Italics supplied).

As we look at these fanatical movements, many of them try to reinterpret Scriptures. Some advocate, because of “New Light” they supposedly have received, that the Bible is no longer relevant for today’s culture. Do you remember names i.e., Jim Jones, and David Koresh?

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Tim 2:15 KJV

“The truths of the Bible must be rightly interpreted so that no part of the Scriptures will be set in opposition to the picture presented by the Bible as a whole. Each passage of Scripture must be given its true meaning even as every brick in the wall must be in its proper place, or the whole wall suffers. In v. 14 Paul warns against “*word battles*,” an example of the improper use of Scripture...” [[5]](#footnote-5)



1. Matt.28:18-20; 24:14; Luke 10:1-3, Rev. 14:6-12. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Webster’s New World Dictionary, (College. Ed.), Cleveland & New York,

   The World Publishing CO., 1964, p. 1698 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. John 16:13; 17:11; Isa. 8:20; Ps. 119:142, 151, 160. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. E. G. White. Early Writings, p. 78. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 7, pp. 336, 337. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)