

Hearing The Voice Of God In The Midst Of The World



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“But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.” – Jeremiah 23:22

Over the last couple of months, I have been listening and learning from other parts of the body, namely reputable theologians who break it down into the smallest of details, even into Latin and Greek. One theologian was R.C. Sproul, who was talking of the greatest prophet born of woman, John the Baptist (Luke 7:38).

As I was listening, and all the while knowing the facts of the matter as to what I was going to hear when I turned to listen to a modern-day false prophet, I noticed that the prophets, I mean the real prophets of God (Hosea 6:5), those that were speaking forth His Word, were always turning them to go back to the old paths (Jeremiah 6:16) in taking heed to the Lord’s counsels, in turning them from their evil ways into the paths of righteousness. In contrast, I hear none of this from the modern-day men and women who put themselves up as prophets. These speak another language, and it is the language of the world.

When you look to the Lord Jesus, He says, *“But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear His voice: and He*

calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers."

What was the message the Lord conveyed to those to whom He went? Matthew 4:17 tells us, *"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

The message that is popular today contradicts these words. They are not using the Lord's words to turn men from their evil way, they are turning them to do evil that the Lord condemns. They promote the spirit of antichrist; *"the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, this is not of the Father but is of the world"* (1 John 2:16).

They are enemies to the cross. They are enemies of righteousness and make war against the Lord (Micah 3:5). The reason is that there is no light in these hirelings (Isaiah 8:20).

Yet, *"We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error"* (1 John 1:4:6).

Read Leviticus 19:17 and 1 Timothy 5:20.

In conclusion: To those who are within the body of Christ and have ears to hear the voice of Him they follow, they understand that...

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." -2 Timothy 3:16

And if they speak not accordingly, they are the strangers that one should not follow!

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