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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

I HATE HIM: FOR HE DOTH NOT PROPHECY GOOD CONCERNING ME, BUT EVIL

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 KINGS 22:6-8**

1 Kings 22:8, And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him: for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, let not the King say so.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the May 23, 2021 Evening Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. There is a particularly important lesson told in **1 Kings 22** and **2 Chronicles 18**. These two books are almost word for word. God considers this especially important.
- b. We see God speaking to one man; however, there were 400 others who thought they were speaking for God, but they were wrong. **Matthew 7:22-23, Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23: And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**
- c. Micaiah is the central focus in our message today. As we look at his background, we find he was a man who carried God's message.
- d. He was sent by God and preached at a time when it was not popular to bear the truth to the nation of Israel. This reminds me of America today, where the truth is extremely sparse and is seldom spoken. **2 Thessalonians 2:3, Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Amos 8:11, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:**
- e. This man spoke the truth; however, the king was reluctant to hear the truth. **2 Timothy 4:3-4, 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; 4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**
- f. **1 Kings 22:8, And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him: for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.** Micaiah did not say what the king wanted to hear.
- g. The Bible tells us in **Romans 10:14-15, How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!**
- h. When God calls us to a mission, we are not on our own or bearing our own message. **2 Timothy 4:1, 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; 2 Timothy 4:5, But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 1 Peter 4:11, If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and**

ever. Amen. **1 Corinthians 1:26, For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:**

- i. Sometimes God requires us to do things we don't like or appreciate, but He still expects us to be instant in season and out of season and do the work He has called us to do to excellence. **2 Timothy 4:2, Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.**
- j. Listen closely as we emphasize several important points from this Bible passage.

3. ONE POINT TO THE MESSAGE

a. **I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.**

- 1. **1 Kings 22:6-8, Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. 7: And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him? 8: And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.**
- 2. Do not be deceived into thinking the majority represent the truth. Everything in print that speaks about God is not from God. **Colossians 2:8, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**
- 3. This is so vital today since we have many religious systems created by man. Man has devised 6,000 ways to get to God. Jesus declares them all to be false as He speaks, I am the way, the truth and the life. **John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**
 - a. **We must seek and know the truth. Ephesians 4:15, But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: John 8:32, And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
 - b. **We must know the Bible, the Preserved Word of God.** It is inspired and preserved for every generation. **Psalms 12:6-7, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. 2 Timothy 3:16, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: Psalm 119:160, Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. 1 Peter 1:11, tells us how the Scriptures came forth. Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 2 Peter 1:21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**
 - c. We must know what we believe and why we believe it.
- 4. If called into a courtroom we must have enough evidence about the Bible and Christianity to be convicted. Few Christians have that much insight into the Bible.
- 5. Do not depend on anyone else to read, understand and interpret the Scriptures for you. Remember the Bible does not lend itself to private interpretation. **2 Peter 1:20, Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.** The 1611 Bible is **the Preserved Word of God** and is the best for one seeking the truth. It has a built-in dictionary and commentary. **If you allow the King James Bible to interpret itself, you will always be on the correct side of truth.**
- 6. We find in **1 Kings 22:6** that the king gathered all the prophets together; about 400 men. **Then the king of Israel gathered the prophet's together about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up: for the Lord shall deliver it into the hands of the king.**
- 7. The message these four hundred men provided the king was a message from man and not from God. They were working for filthy lucre.
- 8. When a pastor gets his eyes off the mission and the message of God onto what he is being paid, or what other people think, he has a problem with God's program. **1 Timothy 6:3-5, If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus**

Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4: He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5: Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. Jeremiah 12:10, **Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.**

9. The Bible says in **1 Timothy 4:3, 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.**
10. We also need to understand that **God has called us to do a specific job and He did not tell us the job would be easy.**
11. These four hundred men prophesied with one mind, but there was one man of God there by the name of Jehoshaphat who was king of the Southern Kingdom of Judah that had doubt about the validity of their message. **1 Kings 22:7 says, And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might enquire of him?**
12. Jehoshaphat knew there had to be another side of the story. The one man they were going to talk to was Micaiah, the son of Imlah. **1 Kings 22:8, And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.**
13. We must be very careful to be sensitive to God's will and its compelling call for us to get out the Preserved Word of God.
15. The answer was yes, there is one man who did not do it for money, prestige or power. He remembered his calling and spoke the words God had revealed to him.
16. The Bible says in **2 Timothy 4:2-5** that we are to preach the Word. **Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3: 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. 4: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5: But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**
17. We see this one man who stood for God was eventually persecuted, afflicted and was put in prison because of his message. **2 Timothy 3:12, Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**
18. When all was said and done, his prophesy to the king came true to the letter.
19. Think about your own conversion. **Make sure you have a personal relationship with Jesus, knowing that He is your personal Saviour.** **1 John 5:12-13, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.** **Philippians 3:10, That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 2 Corinthians 13:5, Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**
20. Do not run after men who teach the Bible with no sweat, no purpose, no plan and no call from God. **2 Timothy 2:2, And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**
21. **We need to find men who will preach and teach the Preserved Word of God;** that labor for the salvation of souls and recognize the awesome responsibility of preaching the only Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and cannot be diverted into preaching another Gospel. **Galatians 1:6, I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Galatians 1:9, As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**
22. The oracles of God were committed to the Jews. **Romans 3:2, Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.** However, they have handed it down to us and it is the death, burial, resurrection and ascension and placement of the blood of Christ on the Mercy Seat at the Throne of God that saves. Paul makes the Gospel message plain. **1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2: By which also ye**

are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:25 says, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. This body of truth was to be passed on to us and we are commanded to go tell it. 1 Peter 4:11, If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

23. We must pray for Godly pastors as they attempt to get out the Preserved Word of God to a lost and dying world.
24. Those who are truly led by the Holy Spirit are scarce and we must protect them.
25. Sometimes it is lonely to stand for God. Would to God that Chesswood Baptist Church will always take a stand for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and that this is the church by the side of the road where the Gospel can always be heard in simple and plain terms and souls are saved and saints are strengthened.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. **The Lord Jesus is ready to save you today.**
- b. He will save to the uttermost those who come to God, seeing that He ever liveth to make intercessions for us. **Hebrews 7:25, Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**
- c. **Romans 10:14-15, How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!**
- d. **Will you come to Jesus today for salvation? Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- e. Will you come and unite with a Bible-believing church where the Preserved Word of God is the central focus and our only purpose is to rescue the perishing, care for the dying?
- f. Will you come today?

RESCUE THE PERISHING

Rescue the perishing; care for the dying.
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave.
Weep o'er the erring one; lift up the fallen.
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Rescue the perishing; care for the dying.
Jesus is merciful; Jesus will save!

Rescue the perishing; duty demands it.
Strength for you labor the Lord will provide.
Back to the narrow way patiently win them,
Tell the poor wand'rer a Saviour has died.

- g. Would you please stand?

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