

Locust And Wild Honey

The Faith was ONCE Delivered unto the Saints Jude 1:3

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that **ye should earnestly contend for the faith** which was once delivered unto the saints.

4 **For there are certain men crept in unawares**, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the **grace of our God into lasciviousness**, and denying the **only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ**.

5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

It is important for the Church not to allow false doctrine in, these men crept in unaware – ungodly men.

Characteristics of False Prophets

- 1) Grace allows lasciviousness, and that unrighteousness is acceptable to God.
- 2) False Godhead – denying the Oneness of God and Deity of Jesus.
- 3) God's people have eternal security, they do not have to maintain their faith, "Once saved always saved".

4) The followers of false prophets continue to give themselves to idolatry and fornication.

5) They go in the way of Cain, error of Balam, and perish like Core.

11 Woe unto them! **for they have gone in the way of Cain**, and ran greedily after the **error** of **Balaam** for reward, and perished in the **gainsaying** of **Core**.

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds [they are] without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Cain – a **lifeless** sacrifice to God (blood = life)

Balaam – prophet with gifts that desired his own reward.(following his own will)

Core – leader of Rebellion against God's authority (Moses)

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered unto God a **more excellent sacrifice than Cain**, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

A more Excellent Sacrifice

So if Faith Alone is not enough and sacrifice not enough what is enough? What does it take? What is the answer on how man will please God? The answer is given by Jesus Christ. He told us to "**Strive to Enter in at the strait gate**" which brings a person to the attitude that Abel had. Obviously, Cain had faith, brought a sacrifice, and looked as though he should be accepted by God. However, somewhere Cain disobeyed God's covenant. What was the difference between Cain's offering and Abel's offering? Abel brought forth an animal, Cain brought forth fruit.

And God rejected Cain's offering but had respect for Abel's offering. It was the **blood**, a specific item that meant so much to God that he could not accept otherwise.

Hebrews 9:22

And almost **all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Abel, by faith, by faith, by faith, by faith gave a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

The fact that the sacrifice had Blood was a requirement of God's Word. A false prophet will teach you that you can get by with a Sacrifice not taught by the Scripture, and

therefore not pleasing to God and causes us to miss His Spirit. As we look at Balaam take note:

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the **doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a **stumblingblock before the children of Israel**, **to eat things sacrificed unto idols**, and **to commit fornication**.¹⁵ So hast thou also them that hold the **doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate.¹⁶ Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Nicolaitans = the laity rules over the congregation, an assembly with no authority.

Numbers 24:3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 5 How **goodly are thy tents, O Jacob**, and **thy tabernacles, O Israel!**

If Balaam really followed God's Spirit he would have gone get a tent in the camp of Moses and followed the people in line, but all he wanted was to Bless the people of God, but he did not want to submit to God's authority. He wanted the blessings of God, but not the birthright.

The Religious System of False Prophets

To wit that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. Now in our time, God authored His Gospel through Christ. He robed Himself in flesh and gave explicit and specific instructions to His apostles on what how to obey and teach this gospel to all the world. He shed His own blood through the life of His Son and paid the penalty of death that each human being deserves for our sins. It is amazing how Cain's spirit lives on. It has infiltrated the church houses of this world, and men will preach his message until Jesus returns and lead a lot of people to an eternity without God, being rejected because they did not teach these people to obey the specific Covenant of God.

Beware of False Prophets who will tickle your ears and teach fables. They will turn your ear away from the Truth and you will follow the way of Cain, Balaam, and Core.

God requires BLOOD WATER and SPIRIT.

1 John 5

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

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God's prophet always Has His Spirit and His Word

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners **spake in time past** unto the **fathers by the prophets,**

2 Hath in these last days **spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

2 Thess 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall **consume** with the **spirit of his mouth**, and shall **destroy** with the **brightness of his coming**.

The Word in our mouth CONSUMES the wicked one!

The Holy Ghost preacher is the ONLY power that can consume the Wicked!

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 **And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten**, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the

windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And **I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes**, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mark 1:6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and **he did eat locusts** and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, **There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.**

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.**

Characteristics of a real prophet

1) Present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to the LORD which is your REASONABLE service! (Romans 12:1) (**Blood = life**)

2) **Be not conformed to this world**, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:2)

3) This is the real teaching of Grace:

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 **These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.**