

"If you Glory, Glory is the Lord"

We just drawing to a close in our
study of 2 Corinthians - (I don't know
about you, but I am thoroughly enjoying
it.)

I believe God has opened my eyes to
a number of things, that I've been
taking lightly -

Paul has reminded us that the day
may come when our calling of God
is questioned - but he has also

Reminded us that our Record will
say a lot in our behalf

First If we Give God the Glory, He
will be greatly pleased -

Second If we preach the word of God
And back what we say with Scripture
we need not fear any man -

They may take a perverse view of context

And try to make you out a liar,

But God Knows Better // He knows

that heart that comes against you,
And why (but the message of God will stand)

Paul has also reminded us over
and over that a person who loves the
Lord as they should will never become
a stumbling block. Their love for
God is too strong, and their love
for others is too strong to do it.

Paul speaks of his confidence in the
reality of a place called Heaven
in chapter 5 of 2 Corinthians. And
he says to all believers, "Believe
the word of God and you'll not
be disappointed."

Oh my soul, this man Paul believed
God and was not ashamed to tell
anyone.

I remember also in chapter 5 that
Paul speaks of a believer's judgment
not on sins, but on works.
And how rewards would be
given according to
yes, dear hearts, works are important
They will determine what you have
to lay at the feet of Jesus one day.

As we look back we remember that Paul gave us a formula to tell if one is saved or not. He said "They will be new Creachers - worldly things once considered so great will have no place in their lives. Things that please God will become common or natural to them -"

Paul said what we tried to say in the message this morning. Unconditional surrender is the only kind that pleases God - and that giving of self is a must. And Paul reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver - one who considers it a privilege to give back to God according to how God has prospered - They rejoice rather than complain when giving time comes -

Once again Paul reminds the calling the know is war of God, just as any other man called of God knows -

Paul Mentions "Letters" Again in Verse 9 of Chapter 10 of 2nd Corinthians.

He tells the Corinthians that he did not write to frighten them or threaten them, but only to remind them of some things

Now lets Read 2 Cor. 10, Verses 10-18
2 Cor. 10: 10-18 (Do So)

Very likely Paul is referring to the first letter he wrote them = someone had no doubt commented publicly on the nature of and the message in that letter - weighty & powerful were words used to describe them.

Now "Weighty" As used here means

Given you or to the point = you see "To the point" was very likely correct for Paul did not make a habit of wasting time or words

Now "powerful" As used here would be a reference to or "Strong Argument"

Upon Lee Paul presented a Strong Argument
① He had the evidence and ② He used
it to back up what he had said.
(Paul practiced what he preached and
so should we.)

Now when Paul wrote, he wrote with purpose -
when a thought struck him he
began to expound on it as the
Holy Spirit of God led him to do so.
And as he did, Paul always sought to
magnify the Lord - Not Self //

While some dwell on "The Doctrine of Man"
Paul dwelt on the "Doctrine of God"
(There needs to be a lot more of
that in our denomination today
And if there was, there would be
not less discentism) (And you
may quote me on that)

Now Paul had some physical problems
but not spiritual problems = He weakened
did not overcome to his ability to get
God's message out -

Then Beginning in Verse 11 Paul speaks
of the need to listen carefully, and
listen to ALL that's being said.

Paul tells us to look for God's
message in the message, rather
than trying to find fault in the
manner it's delivered.

And Paul said: "My message will always
be the same, regardless of my being
with you or absent from you" And
Paul says: "It'll be the truth and
it'll be from God" (For that's the
only message you ought to get) ~~over~~

In Verse 12 we find a warning against
Hypocrisy (Play Acting) Paul says:
"Don't think more highly of yourself
than you ought" Paul said: Listen,
I don't dare do it.

He said: "I dare not thrust myself
forward that I might be lifted up"
I'm not brave or bold enough to do
it. (And that's wise advice)

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Now Paul Really Gets Bold, // Shows what He says:
"To set yourself up as an authority
brings you a jab" He says, "A person
who does that is not wise"

Here Paul is reminding us that there is
but ONE authority and that's God
and His word -

Verse 12 Also Reminds me of the Proverb
I had in my office in Rampton. It said
"Many would come to wisdom if they did
not think themselves already there"

Then Paul tells the Corinthians to be sure
the standards used in these matters are
God's, not man's. Paul is also
making reference to Ministries -
"Assignments from God" / fields of work
Callings of God -

V-13 is also a message for us. "God
has a work for every Believer to do"

He Assigns the work, and expects
it to be done. We are to do the
work God called us to do - and let others
do the work God called them to do -

Don't feel bad if God did not call you
to preach or teach // on Sings or Play

But if you are saved, you have

An Assignment - Don't ignore it - Answer

V. 14 speaks of what Wm. just said & used

Bowl says: "In coming to preach to you,

we have stayed within the limits of

our assignment" We have not tried

to go beyond what God has called

us to do - and believe Bowl in January

"We are in the Center of God's Will"

Father let me tell you, a preacher is never

happier than when he is in the center

of God's will (being where God sent him

and doing what God sent him to do)

(And it's the same with every saved

person) about "God's will"

Bowl says: We not left other work undone

just to be with you - we are doing what

God sends us - preaching from and

disciplining saints and Father that's

what God calls preachers to do, and

He allows them to minister on the field

because God will draw all to

5/ V. 15 is very likely a word to the Peter
teachers in the church = They had come after
Paul had left before = After the church
was founded/ After many of the trials
and persecutions Paul had endured -
They had formed support groups, and
were magnifying self -

And Paul said: "I don't have power enough
to do that" And he discouraged it -

Paul speaks of his prayers for the church

- ① That their faith would increase
- ② That they would rely more on the word of God
- ③ And that they would become so strong
in the Lord that the (band) could go else
where and preach where people had never
heard -

V. 16 does not mention a specific place, only
that Paul is anxious to get back on
the road. Listen - Missionaries are like
that - anxious to share the Gospel.

Paul Asks for Prayerful Support knowing
the value of having people lift him up
in prayer. (I know the value of appreciation)

Paul says: "Just being a Soldier in God's Army is a wonderful blessing. Just being One of God's Boys is a blessing. Just being His Testament in God's hands is enough -"

Oh history, there are folks who glory in what they've done their best. A Fine Home - A New Car - a prominent place in the community - a Big Bank Account, but forget that God allows them to have those things - but He expects them to be kept in a bright perspective.

People forget that the God who gives has the right to take away. That the same God who blesses can withhold blessings. So He says "Don't Leave God Out" Rather acknowledge Him as Good = As Merciful = As long suffering = As Loving & kind yet in change.

"Let Him that glorifies, glory in the Lord"
"John Paul closer with a Stress Reminder"

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Seek God's Approval in all things -
 It's the Commendation of God that
 Really Matters = It's Being Acceptable
 to God that man should rejoice over
 If God Approves then all is well // If
 He does not, All is in Vanis Away

Now lets look back at what Paul calls for
 ① Do not exhalt self ② put off self Righteousness
 ③ If you must boast // Boast in the Lord
 And finally: "Remember that having
 the Approval of God should be the
 desire of our hearts"

Does the thought of Pleasing God excite you?
 Does Hearing Him say "Well Done" Bless your heart
 Does God get all the Glory?

Are you Repenting because you have a
 Lawian? Is He Lord of your Life?
 Or Do you need a Lawian?

Here's available / We told you this morning
 how to find Him - And if you'll come
 when we sing, I'll tell you again -

