

"Remember, God knows the Real You" 2/10/91 Am.

I wonder what kind of people we would be if we spent more time listening/ ~~than~~ ^{more} ~~time~~ talking" //

I wonder what kind of decisions we would make if we spent more time seeking God's will, rather than trying to exercise our own will. //

I wonder what our testimony would be if we gathered on him after the life of Jesus, rather than some peer of our. //

And

I wonder what an answer would be if we would accept the word of God (As) the word of God / rather than trying to change its meaning to say what we want it to say (I wonder)

We have an example to follow //
And his name is Jesus Amen
And we need to follow it -

Before Any Major Decision The
Lord Jesus Prayed / Before any choice
was made / Jesus prayed // when
He wanted to know the will of
God He prayed # And after He
talked / He listened / Amens

(And by the way Jesus Always Sought the Will of God)
But let me tell you, There was
Never a Question in His mind
about the word of God //

He Never Questioned the word
of God // He knew there was
no error in it, And the
sooner you and I admit
that / The better off we
will be / And the better
off our world will be. Amens

Jesus had to make many decisions //
They were difficult decisions / And
they were not always popular ones //

But if you'll open your Bibles to
Luke Chapter 6, you'll see what
Jesus did and what we need to do //

2/ Dear hearts, choices are not
always easy to make for you
and me - We come to crossroads
in our lives and must decide
which way to go - We need
to follow the example of
our Lord Jesus Christ

Look at Luke 6: Verse 12 "And it
came to pass in those days
that Jesus went out into a
mountain to pray, and he
continued all night in prayer"

Now a crisis had occurred, the
disciples were walking with Jesus
thru a corn field on the
Sabbath, and as they walked
they took an ear of corn off a
stalk & began to rub the
ears of corn and eat of the
kernels as they walked. And
the Bible tells us that "Certain Pharisees"
(people who interpreted the word to
suit themselves) saw what had happened

There was Always a Conflict between
these people and Jesus / "They taught
the law / while Jesus chose to
fulfill the law" or to show
its true meaning / But they
were too bound to accept Him ///

Well they took Jesus to task about
it # Not willing to accept what
the word of God really said
about the matter" ///

In Another case, Jesus healed a man
on the Sabbath, and they took Him
to task over that // Here again they
misinterpreted the word of God to
suit self, rather than the way
God intended. // "They were
calling the Good works of Jesus evil"
(Contrary to the word of God)

The people who would not accept
the word of God in its true
meaning were so mad that they
wanted to do away with Jesus
whom all He was doing was "brightly
living the word of Law"

3/ Let me tell you / People get mad at
the preacher for doing the same
thing today // They don't do // but Paul
had a word for the preacher

"Preach the word" / after you
study to show yourself approved
unto God / a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, brightly dividing
the word of truth, but shun vain
babblings, for they will increase
unto more ungodliness" 2 Tim 2:15/16

He is saying "Stand fast on the word of
God" // Don't budge one bit from the
truth of God's word // Steer clear
of un-Christian conversation, which
is practice leads further and
further away from Christian living
and the truth" //

Paul is saying to the preacher, "You
must answer to God if you do not
stand on the truth // and your
accusers will ALSO answer to
God" // and they will —

Well what did Jesus do when this
Crisis arose? / what did He do
when the Battle lines were drawn? //

He did Two things:

1st He did not bow down to man
or compromise on the truth. And
2nd. He prayed / He got in touch
with God — //

Not for just a little while as we
usually do. // He stayed in touch
with God all night — //

Oh listen dear people, In these days
when the Battle lines are being
drawn between Good & Evil /
between Right and Wrong / we
best follow the example of Jesus!

1st. We best never bow down to man
or compromise on the truth
of God's word / no matter what
the consequences — //

Amen

4/ And we best get in touch / And
Stay in touch with God until we
Get His Answer (you notice, we said HIS Answer)

Oh listen, John the Baptist stood
on the word of God // It cost
him his life / but never once
did he compromise.

And here were people so mad at
Jesus ^{simply} because he had shut their
argument full of holes // and they
would not admit their error // Paul
would not allow them to do it.

Just as Bride won't allow Mary to
say, "since I've read the word of God
with an open mind // I now see
the truth // I was wrong" //
(God Help us)

In the face of criticism Jesus
stood fast // even with the threat
of death, facing him / Jesus
held to the truth // And he said:
"I am given an example follow it"

But what about this time of
prayer like mentions - what took
place there? //

- ① We know that Jesus went out alone //
- ② We know He prayed //
- ③ We know He continued all night
in sweet communion with God //

oh but I believe Jesus did something
else // I believe He also listened
as intently as He prayed //

people who understand the language
of the original text clearly indicate
that Jesus had a real clear cut
purpose for climbing this mountain -
"He needed some answers"

He did not go up there to meet some
man who claimed to have all the
answers // He went there to meet
God, who has all the answers (Answers)

He went alone to escape all the
distractions of the world // He let
his mind & soul commune with God

5/ Oh I wonder Do we Really Pray?
Do we clear our hearts & minds
of the world & worldly things? //

Do we ~~ask~~ ^{Ask}, Really Wanting to hear
from God? // The Bible says "God Knows"

The Bible ^{Also} says "And He continued
all night in prayer to God"

Now the words "All Night" as used
here is a medical term // It was
used in the Greek to describe
the All Night Vigil of a doctor
as he sat beside the bed of a
patient //

It presents a picture of urgency //
of earnestness // of intensity //

Let me Ask, Does that describe
your prayer and mine? //

Do we pray earnestly & fervently
as we commune with God? // (Jesus
said "I've Given the Example, do thus likewise")

The Original Language does not say that Jesus talked all the night. **BUT I would believe that He listened as intently as He talked //**

I wonder, what would happen if we prayed like that? // I wonder what would happen if you and I were as good a listener as we are talker. //

I know one thing for sure, "If we followed the example of our Lord Jesus, we would get God's Answer just as He did"

Dear hearts, when we pray for the lost, we need to Agorize our hearts. // We need to see hell. As the word of God describes, it // "A Lake of Fire that is never quenched"

We need to see hell as a place of "Torments" for those who die without Jesus. Just as the rich man did in Luke 16

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Iron Convinced that if we had, we would
be more faithful in telling them how
to be saved // And Iron Convinced
that if we prayed like Jesus,
we would not be satisfied with
them just being saved // we would
seek to disciple them like Jesus
told us to do //

Iron Convinced that if we prayed as Jesus
prayed, we would begin to read God's
word with an open / unbraced mind // and
would have ^{FAR} less trouble deciding between
right & wrong — //

Let me say to every Believer here today
If God does not approve ^{of} it in His
word // we need to run from it

We but stand on His word, not on the
word of worldly people . //

Listen, there are people who tell the least part
to worry about eternity / that this is
all there is - and that's all —

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There are those who tell a last lesson that
there ^{is} more than one way to be saved
(and that is a lie of the devil)

If most persons ^{ever} ~~is~~ to be saved, they must
believe that Jesus is God's Son / HE who
left glory to die & save the last!!! They
must believe that He died for their
sins / making it possible for all who
would believe / all who would confess
these beliefs boldly // all who would
pray asking Jesus to save them / would
be saved - // one you here lost today /
never having done what God's word
requires - // there you can be saved / but
only God's way = // and you need to be
saved today - // would you pray just
now / and then listen for God to tell you
what to do - // would you bow your head
in prayer .

Now let me talk to the saved people
here - have you been compromising
with the world? / Have you been
listening to man rather than God /
and been too bound to admit it? /

7) Has God sent you a message recently?
"If He has, has heed to heed it"

God will not use a person who is a compromiser / a person can't handle two matters / God won't share in with anyone on anything - //

God will not use a person who takes His word and changes its meaning / He won't do it

When Jesus prayed / God said, "Here are men who will be faithful to you and my word -" / "You are count on them to be faithful, no matter what lie the world presents" // They'll lay pride aside - / They'll choose the truth over error / And that's the kind of people I am choosing //

Are you that kind of person? / God knows and is to use - Would you like to be that kind of person? / Then tell God I dedicate your life now ~~and~~

doors of church open - prayer -