

Will We Trust God if He
This W.M.?

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8:00

I Don't Know About you, but
my heart was convicted over
the message this morning,

You Beloved / The Sermons are
just As much for the Preacher
As it is for you — ~~believe~~
it or not

I thought, ^{AGAIN} About Amosias
and the impact his ministering
had on the world — And I wondered
about the ministry God called us to —

I imagine there were some in
that day who thought Amosias
had lost his mind when they
heard that he had gone to
see Saul of Tarsus — Oh but

We need to understand
the heart of Amosias,

" He trusted God completely and
He obeyed God unconditionally —

maybe / Just maybe this is why
we have a problem going / maybe
just maybe we don't trust
God completely - Therefore
we do not obey Him
unconditionally - It's something
to think about Dear hearts -

Tonight it would seem proper
for us to consider another man
totally committed to the Lord.

His name was John and because
of the way he felt about
baptizing people, he was called
"The Baptist" or "The Baptizer"

Now John the Baptist was a
prophet in the Jewish sense
(oh by the way, John practiced
immersion) The Bible says,
"He went down into the
water, to baptize."

We called John a forerunner because
w/ ^{was} the every sense of the word, He
"Prepared the way for the
Lord" (Luka 3:4)

It's Deep Laid that John's
period of really effective service
covered only 6 months - oh
but what a job he did in
that 6 months

He was a very unusual person
Someone we would call "Unlikely"
to be used of God -

He was rugged and severe in
appearance & preaching - yet
he was an humble person

His parents were Godly people
Luka tells us in Chapter 1
Verse 15 that John was a spirit
filled man (born spirit filled)

His Ministry Covered a time Filled
with Law and Justice // He
eventually died a martyr
because of his loyalty to
the Law —

Study in Home Bibles to John 1
And Lets Read Verse 19-37

The Gospel of John Chapter
1 Verse 19-37
(As So)

New Notes These 5 Things about
John.

- ① He obeyed a Divine Commission
- ② He described a specific task
- ③ He introduced a wonderful person
- ④ He proclaimed a glorious message
- And ⑤ He secured a rich harvest.

When John came bearing out of the
wilderness / He came out under
conviction —

3/ He had been given a job to do.

He had been sent // Note Verse 33

"It That Sent Me" Here were
only 4 words that made it
very clear that his Commission
was a Divine One"

But who sent Him? Look at John
1:6 "It was God" (No question

about it) And Beloved It Is
GOD who sends You And Me
OUT // It is God who sends us //

Listen to John 20 Verse 21 Jesus said:
"As my Father hath sent me //
Even so send I you —"

John obeyed his Commission
And so must we —

"He obeyed a divine
Commission, just as
Jesus gave you and
me" We are to share the
Good News of Jesus

Well what was John called out
to do? What was His Task?

He tells us in v. 23 "He was to
be God's Mouthpiece" // He was
a Voice Commissioned of God //

Oh listen, If you are loved,
you are being commissioned to
be "a voice" for God //

You and I need to be freed
from our baggage that Jesus
came to seek & save the lost //

yet too often we act
like we are longue tied //
or lost our ability to speak

Oh but not so when the subject
is Hunting / Fishing / Gaming / Football
or Basketball / Gas or Oil / Timber
or Land // Oh listen, None of
these have loved anyone
but Jesus has —

3/ John's Task Was to "Cry Out" and
to be one —

There are people all about
us who could care less about
those "earthly things" we mentioned.
They need to hear about
Heavenly things / And they
need to hear them from us —
You and me who are loved

John used his voice to introduce
Jesus to many religious people
as well as lost people —

Notice how John cleared the air
He pointed people away from
himself and to Jesus — v. 25-29
Notice verse 30 & 34

"I come to tell you about Jesus"
oh listen, if you are loved
and if you love Jesus your
task of mine is to "Go and Tell
people about Jesus —

Oh but Notice what John said
About Jesus:

- ① He is God with us —
- ② He is above all else —
- ③ He is the Sin Bearer —
- ④ He Baptizes with the Holy Spirit —

Is that Good News or Not?

John also said: Exercising Faith
in Jesus would bring untold
blessings — a New life more
Abundant than any // Deliverance
from their sins //

John said: Only One Person could
do that "His Name is Jesus"
"The Lamb slain from the
foundation of the world"

He who took your place and
died on the Cross — providing
Pardon & Cleansing — Let me
Ask, Is that Good News or
Not?

5/ Is it worth sharing or not?

You and I who are loved have
been called & commissioned
to proclaim the message - It
is more than a badge / It's
a God Given Responsibility //

But the question is Am I doing
it? / Are you doing it?

If we are faithful in doing it
there are rewards // Our efforts
will bear fruit // It did for
Johns -

~~Now~~ it may not seem like much
to some, but John's work was
rewarded.

Andrew heard John the Baptist
speak and he brought his
brother Simon Peter to the
one John spoke of -

John the Apostle also heard
the Baptist speak. "And he
brought James // And it went
on and so from there -

One found another and led them
to Jesus - let me tell you there
is no joy like introducing a
loved one to Jesus - God let
me do it to a brother and a
grandson for sure - and I'll
be eternally grateful -

There is a harvest out there
a rich one, just waiting for
you and me - who knows
how many will be reached for
Jesus by each one you lead
to Christ -

oh listen, John was called
just as you and I are -
He obeyed the call

6/ He described the job He was
sent to do — He was "just a
voice crying out" And from
Cornwall God expects it of us —
As He ministered, He told
people how wonderful Jesus
was And He said, "Jesus
is all you need" —

Could we bow our heads And
close our eyes, And let you
ask unanswered questions here
to Answer this question.

"Do I trust God enough
to obey Him unconditionally."

We'd invite you to come
let us pray with you And
bless you —

May I ask any who are
here here to consider
this question:

"Do I want to die last" And
Fire hell when there is
only suffering and pain"

If your answer is No, then
I write you to come let you
tell you how to be loved right
Now —

Open Church Doors
Let's pray