

Jesus Didn't Mince Words!

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:5

It got to the point in the Old Testament where the Jews didn't want to hear the truth from the Lord's prophets anymore. "But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy" (2 Chron 36:16). They told the prophets to speak unto them smooth (pleasant) things and prophesy deceits or lies (Is 30:10b). As a result, the Jews were conquered repeatedly and suffered greatly at the hands of their enemies because they didn't want to hear the truth anymore.

But, when Jesus was here, he never held back from telling it like it was. He didn't spew fluff or try to soften his message one bit and as a result, he was hated (Jn 15:25). He never compromised or tried to be a man-pleaser (Gal 1:10). He took on the religious establishment head on and exposed them for what they were: hypocrites, blind guides, fools, serpents, vipers, and the children of them which killed the prophets.

Most people have a tendency, when reading the Gospels, to think that the only time Jesus became indignant, was when he went up to Jerusalem and found in the Temple money changers and those that were selling oxen, sheep and doves. He then made a scourge (whip) of small cords and drove them all out of the Temple, overthrowing the tables and pouring out the money, saying to them "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise" (Jn 2:13-16).

But, there were many other times when the Lord became angry at the hardness and the hypocrisy of the people. The following verses show the Lord's nature was not only one of love but also of rebuke and chastisement. Read the following scriptures so as to get a better understanding of the two sides of God's nature, not only His love, but also his wrath and intolerance of hypocrisy.

Matt 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 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? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt 12:38-42 Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

Matt 15:7-9; 12-14 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Matt 16:22-23 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matt 22:17-18 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?

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Luke 6:42 Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.

Luke 9:40-41 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not. And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

Luke 10:11-16 *Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.*

Luke 11:11-13 *If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

Luke 11:39-40 *And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also?*

Luke 11:44 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.*

Luke 12:55-56 *And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?*

Luke 13:14-15 *And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?*

Luke 13:31-32 *The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.*

Luke 24:25-26 *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*

John 2:3-4 *And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.*

John 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

John 19:10-11 *Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.*

Yes, Jesus didn't mince words when He was down here! When He said to repent or perish, he wasn't kidding. He didn't go to the cross and die horribly so that we could continue on in our sins (Rom 6:15). Jesus made the way for us to go to heaven (John 14:6) by shedding his precious holy blood on the cross (Rev 1:5), thus providing us with a cleansing for all of our sins (1 John 1:9). The Father's judgment will now pass over us if we trust in that holy blood and receive Jesus into our hearts to be our Lord and Saviour (Jn 1:12). And the time for trusting in that holy blood to save us is rapidly coming to a close.

The first phase of the second coming of Jesus Christ, the "Rapture", is going to hit soon and the church is going to be removed from off the earth (1 Thess 4:16-18). After that, all hell is going to break loose as the world is plunged into Great Tribulation (Matt 24:21). Worldwide death and destruction will be the order of the day and unless those days are shortened, no one will be left alive (vs 22). Salvation can still be obtained during this time, but the price will be high, very high, most probably your life (Rev 6:9; 20:4). So accept Jesus **NOW** as your Lord and Saviour while there is still time (2 Cor 6:2). Salvation is a free gift (Rom 6:23) bought and paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ, so please take that gift!

Then, read the Bible every day (2 Tim 2:15), pray to the Father in Jesus name every day (Eph 6:18), fellowship with other true Born Again Christians (Heb 10:25) and wait for the Lord to return (2Thes 3:5). And, that return is soon!

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