

Prophet's Column

The Total Depravity Of Man

Before we resume our quote from the Prophet Isaiah, let me state very clearly that the greatest enemy of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is an individual in a religious profession without Christ. Usually a preacher or teacher. Just because a man is a preacher or Bible teacher, that's no sign he is saved. I have never witnessed in all my life the hatred for the Gospel from unsaved religious leaders as we are seeing now. When God raises up His man to carry the Gospel, Satan raises up his false messengers right beside him to fight him.

All over this side of the country folks know I distribute the messages in print by my late Pastor, L.R. Shelton. And I want to make a statement that has been made before and I don't hesitate to make it: "If you can turn down the truth as my late pastor preached it, then you are not saved." One by one preachers here have turned down the truth. You never have been awakened to messages by my late pastor in a certain church. A group of the members there didn't like them, they hated them. And naturally they went to the pastor of that church. They finally persuaded him to remove Brother Shelton's messages from the church.

Ten million years from today when they are baking and roasting in Hell they'll be regretting turning the truth down. Some of our workers years ago were giving out some of the messages and a preacher wouldn't have them. They asked: "Don't you want salvation in Christ?" His reply was: "I got it, I got it!"

Now that was a dead giveaway he was not saved. And you, since you don't want the messages and don't want your church members to have them, you are not saved. The preachers of today do not want their church members awakened. You would not know what to do with them. It's just this simple; the only salvation the multitudes of our preachers know is just church membership. And when a saved man comes along, he is speaking a language you know nothing about. You are embarrassed and want to put him out along with the messages. What an awful day when you wake up in Hell!

"Why should you be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises, and purifying and filthy sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." (Isa. 1: 1-6). Now there we have a commentary on the total depravity of the human heart. The soul who will not have the truth about his natural and totally depraved condition will never be saved. I don't care how much you can preach and teach. To deny man's total depravity is to call God a liar. God will never save you until you become a "yes man" to Him. When the blessed Holy Spirit awakens a sinner to his lost condition, He then teaches him all about himself.

Here is a soul who pats himself on the back that he is a nice fellow. Not knowing all the while that he is condemned to die and that he is just one heart beat away from Hell. While you are going on puffed up



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in pride thinking highly of yourself, you could plunge into Hell any second. But when God sounds the warning in your heart, shining the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ into your heart, (II Cor. 4), letting you see for the first time that you are lost, you are never the same and you are singing a different tune, then. Only the Holy Spirit can teach and convince you that you are totally depraved. No man can convince you that you are totally depraved. But there are some things that every child of God knows, and every child of God, redeemed by His blood knows that he is a depraved being and that the only goodness in him was put there when God saved him.

Now that's so. You unsaved hearts have to take issue with my messages and those of my late pastor. Why? You don't know my Lord. If you

knew Christ, you'd know me. You are a total stranger to Holy Spirit conviction. That's why a preacher here turned the truth down. Anyone with just the slightest knowledge of his true, lost condition knows that I am setting forth the truth on how God saves a sinner. But you cannot help but fight the truth because you are not of the truth. You have no love for the truth even though you are a preacher and teacher. Just let me listen to a man for about five minutes and I can tell whether he is saved or not. If he is saved, he'll magnify Christ, and he wants to be sure you know Christ. Any time you hear a preacher preaching like all his church members are saved, you had better flee from that man. He is an enemy of your soul.

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