

Morning Sermon Outline – April 7, 2019

“The Help We Need” – John 15:26-27

I. We need help in the context of hatred / persecution –

<sup>18</sup> “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.

<sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. John 15:18-19

...’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. John 15:20 B

<sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. John 16:2

1. Jesus tells us of the reality of living in an ungodly / sin-filled world, such a world does not appreciate Christ-likeness – the more we are like Christ, the more likely the persecution –

<sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

2. This is the CONTEXT, the Holy Spirit comes into us as our Helper –

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes ... John 15:26

II. We need Divine Help –

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father – John 15:26

1. He is sent by Christ
2. He is from and proceeds from the Father
3. He is specifically called “He” - <sup>26</sup> “... **He** will testify of Me. John 15:26 B meaning “He” is a Person! Meaning He is God!

III. We need Truth-Full help -

... the Spirit of truth ... – John 15:26 **He** will testify of Me. John 15:26 B

1. Truth, the Spirit of Truth proceeds from the Father and testifies of Christ, the three members of the God-head are the ultimate truth tellers –

A. God the Father is a God of truth -

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and **truth**, Exodus 34:6

<sup>4</sup> He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth ... Deuteronomy 32:4

B. God the Son is a God of truth –

<sup>14</sup> “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, ... Revelation 3:14

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

C. God’s Spirit is the Spirit of Truth –  
... the Spirit of truth ... – John 15:26

2. We NEED the Spirit of Truth because we are not by nature truthful –

A. The great truth we need to learn is we are LIARS at heart –

<sup>44</sup> You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. <sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. John 8:44-45

<sup>9</sup> “The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it? Jeremiah 17:9

B. It is because we are not by nature truthful, even to ourselves, that God tells us not to lean on our own understanding –

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

C. *Even as believers we have trouble knowing the truth and it is the reason; we (the church) has pastors / teachers –*

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ— Ephesians 4:11-15

3. *In John 15, the Spirit of Truth is promised to the Apostles –*

<sup>26</sup> “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. John 15:26-27

A. *It is important to understand how this passage applied uniquely to the apostles –*

- *They were with Christ from the beginning*
- *They and those with them wrote the New Testament*
- *God’s Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, enabled them to do this perfectly, infallibly, without error, they finished the Bible!*
- *They were to bear witness*
- *They bore witness (most of them) with their lives*

*Μαρτυρέω – to bear witness, it is the word from which we get our modern word martyr.*

B. *Though we no longer have to write the Bible, we were not with Christ from the beginning, we are still called to bear witness –*

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

IV. *We need Truth-Full Help to preach, teach, and share the Gospel, to testify, as God has commanded – you also will bear witness... John 15:27*

1. *We need to be sanctified by God’s Truth to communicate God’s truth –*

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. John 17:17

*God’s Word, God’s Spirit of Truth has to fully win us before we can be used to win others!*

2. *God’s Spirit is called “The Spirit of Truth” not the spirit of telling people what they want to hear –*

*Yet much of the church, many preachers will not preach about sin, or Hell, or judgment of this world! They do not call people to a full commitment to Christ... they teach salvation, but without real repentance –*

A. *Paul tells Timothy about this –*

<sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:2-4

B. *We need the Spirit of Truth to understand and appreciate truth – 1 Corinthians 2:9-16*

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

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