

INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine nature, is the very Word of God.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made ~~through~~ by Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, as to His human nature, speaks the words that God the Father has taught Him to say.

John 8:26-28 I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him." (27) They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. (28) Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

Many of those who heard Him speak in person marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. Peter said to Him, "You have the words of eternal life." Even some of His opponents said, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

When our Lord Jesus Christ spoke to John, as recorded in Revelation chapter 1, His words sounded to John like a loud trumpet and like the rushing of many waters. He was pictured in the vision John saw as having a sharp, two-edged sword coming out of His mouth, symbolizing the way that His word is effectual, accomplishing all His will.

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ that He would have us know have been written down; we have them as our Bible. As we, His disciples, study to know how He would have us conduct ourselves in His house, we need to know what to do about His words, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. Where we have come in our study of 1 Timothy, our Lord's apostle recognizes that we need to know what to do about His words, so that we can recognize anyone who does not take the words of our Lord Jesus Christ as he ought to take them, especially if such a person tries to teach us some twisted kind of religion based on a wrong apprehension of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TEXT

1 Timothy 6:2-5 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. ~~Teach and exhort these things.~~ [These things teach and exhort.] (3) If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, (4) he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, (5) useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

Take care to adopt a right view of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, so you can avoid anyone who teaches a warped or distorted religion.

BODY

The subject today being “the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

- I. Taste a Few Samples of the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - A. e.g. Matthew 5:1-19
 - B. e.g. Matthew 15:1-20
 - C. e.g. Matthew 19:3-6
 - D. e.g. Matthew 20:18-19
 - E. e.g. Matthew 24:36-44
 - F. e.g. Matthew 28:18-20

- II. See That the Apostle Warns Us of Those Who Do Not Teach the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - A. The description of such a person is here in verses 3-5
 - B. This is a very important theme in the Bible
 1. the Holy Spirit, inspiring men to write, brings up this subject many times
 2. our Lord Jesus Christ Himself spoke of it in several ways, including talking about such people as wolves
 3. the apostle Paul took up that theme and himself described them as “ravaging wolves”
 - C. This letter of Paul to Timothy both begins and ends with this subject
 1. 1 Timothy 1:3
 2. here in chapter 6
 - D. I do not intend to pass quickly over these lines, but to work diligently through them
 - E. See that the warning is about the person who teaches otherwise because he does not consent to or agree with two things:
 1. the words of our Lord Jesus Christ
 2. the doctrine or teaching which accords with godliness
 - F. So, it is my plan to speak to the congregation
 1. about “the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,” then about “the doctrine or teaching which accords with godliness” so we can be sure what is meant by those
 2. then about those who teach otherwise

III. Learn What We Are To Do With the Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ

A. We believe the words of our Lord Jesus Christ to be wholesome or sound

1. The original Greek word is G5198 *hugiaino* healthy; sound; well
 - a) for something not to be healthy would be because of
 - (1) the presence of something that shouldn't be there, such as bacteria or viruses
 - (2) the absence of something that should be there, such as vitamin C or D
 - b) the words of Jesus Christ are not sickly because corrupt or puny because lacking something
 - (1) in His words, there is no corruption of untruth
 - (2) in His words, as we have them in the Bible, there is no lack of what we need to hear
 - c) instead, his words are healthy, sound, well
2. the concept is that
 - a) as the words are healthy, they promote health in those who hear them
 - b) as the words of Jesus are sound, they promote soundness in those who listen to them
 - c) as the words of Jesus Christ are hale, they are wholesome to those who keep them
3. Luke 5:31-32 Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."
 - a) if those who are sick receive healthful medicine from the physician, they will be well, healthy, sound;
 - b) likewise, if sinners receive the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, they will repent, be forgiven their sins, and be made spiritually well, healthy, sound
4. so powerfully wholesome are the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He described them on another occasion as "life"
 - a) Jesus said: John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.
 - b) Peter believed that and said: John 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
 - c) see what they are talking about: John 6:35-40

B. We recognize that the words of our Lord Jesus Christ are authoritative

1. they are the words of our Lord!
2. Luke 6:46-49
 - a) it makes no sense to call Him "Lord" and not take His words as authoritative
 - b) not taking His words as authoritative will lead to terrible consequences for those who are so foolish as to do so

So far we have a powerful combination
they are the words that are wholesome for us
they are the words of our Lord

- C. The words of our Lord Jesus Christ being both healthful and authoritative; we consent to them; we agree with them
1. lit. we come to them
 - a) used in its literal sense many times in the Bible
 - b) used here to mean “consent to” or “agree with”
 - c) we’ll use the literal meaning to expound the concept
 2. whenever we realize that something we think is not in agreement with the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, we leave our previous thoughts, and come to His words
 - a) His words do not move!
 - b) so, we should not try to move them, but submit to them moving us
- D. We teach and exhort the words of our Lord Jesus Christ
1. whenever in the position to teach and exhort, we teach and exhort them
 - a) formally
 - (1) as pastors
 - (2) as parents
 - b) informally
 2. whenever in the position to learn, we insist on these being the matter of the doctrine

CONCLUSION

In the congregation of the living God, we

-believe the words of our Lord Jesus Christ to be wholesome

-recognize the words of our Lord Jesus Christ to be authoritative

-so we consent to or agree with the words of our Lord Jesus Christ

-and we teach and exhort the words of our Lord Jesus Christ

With this right view of the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are well on our way to being able to avoid anyone who teaches a warped or distorted religion.

~~Dillon~~ Jeff - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: Psalm 33:1-4

Mark - Scripture Reading: Psalm 33:5-21

Jeremiah - Congregational Prayer

Jeff - Benediction: Psalm 33:22

Rita - Prelude

Rita - Trinity 402 “Amazing Grace” - Alex

Allison - Trinity 50 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - Andrew

Allison - Trinity 672 “He Lifted Me”

IV.

V. Example -

A. The words of Jesus Christ

1. Here are the words of Jesus Christ - Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
2. Here are the words of Jesus Christ, taught by Peter - 1 Peter 2:12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.
 - a) let your light so shine before men - having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles
 - b) that they may see your good works - the Gentiles...by your good works which they observe
 - c) glorify your Father in heaven - glorify God

B. The doctrine which is according to godliness

1. 1 Peter 2:13-18 ~~Therefore~~ Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, (14) or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. (15) For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men-- (16) as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. (17) Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. (18) Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.
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- 3.

It is a sad truth of our life in the congregation of Jesus Christ that, from time to time, we will find ourselves dealing with someone who teaches otherwise.

-sometimes it is points of orthodoxy

-sometimes it is ways of living

Such a person uses words, not to convey truth, to foster good communication among members of the congregations, but instead to avoid being governed by the congregation.

VI. The Doctrine Which Is According to Godliness

A. Reminder what is meant by “godliness”

1. Greek word G2150 *eusebeia* - compound word
 - a) *eu* - good
 - b) *sebomai* - to worship
 - c) good worship; right worship
 2. English word - godly, godliness
 - a) our word seems like it would mean he is “like God”
 - b) but for a person to be “godly” doesn’t mean he is “like God,” but that he is oriented toward God; his life is lived for God; he is attuned to God
 - c) godliness - devotion to God; obedience to God; right worship of God
 3. 1828 Webster’s dictionary - godliness
 - a) a careful observance of the laws of God and performance of religious duties, proceeding from love and reverence for the divine character and commands
 - b) e.g. 1 Timothy 4
 4. Summary: faith, piety, religious devotion; obedience to God; right worship of God
 - a) faith in God; love for God; devotion to God; obedience to God; right worship of God
 - b) faith in God through Jesus Christ, and all the love toward Him and obedience to Him that flows from that faith
 - c) repentance toward God, and all the expressions of gratitude toward Him that come from knowing He has forgiven all your sins
- B. Reminder what is mean by doctrine which accords with godliness - 1 Timothy 2:9-12 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, (10) but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. (11) Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. (12) And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.
1. there are women who profess godliness; that is,
 - a) they say that they believe in Jesus Christ, that He came into the world to save sinners, even the chief sinners, by giving Himself a ransom
 - b) they say that they repent of sins, turning to God
 - c) to show these things, they have been baptized
 - d) on the Lord’s Day, they assemble with the congregation
 2. there is adornment that becomes or is proper for women professing godliness
 - a) not flashy hairdo, jewelry, and clothing
 - b) but modest apparel and good works
 3. there is behavior that is becoming or proper for women professing godliness
 - a) not to teach or have authority over a man

b) but to learn in silence with all submission

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E. Lit. "come"

F. e.g. Matthew 5:17-19 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. (18) For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. (19) Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

1. Matthew 5:21 ..."Thou shalt not kill"...

2. Matthew

3. 1 Timothy 1:8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,

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4. Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (2) "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: (3) "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH."

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