

PRAYER SERVICE TUESDAY: 7:30pm Here at the hall

HELPERS NEEDED, in both the nursery and the children's Church.

TEENS are Welcome to help! See Barbara Gistand, or P Jesse

WE HAVE, ONCE AGAIN SOME WONDERFUL CHALLENGES IMMEDIATELY

IN FRONT OF US, WHICH MAY BE A CAUSE FOR FURTHER HONOR TO THE GOSPEL.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR WISDOM AND FOR THE OPENING OF DOORS!

## Pastor's Commentary And Outline

*For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible. 2 Cor 10:10*

Quite an assessment, by the opponents of the greatest, most effective, and useful servant of God in all the New testament. Their words convey to us a clear sense of superficial expectation. The common aspiration of men of this world, is the pleasure of what they see and hear. They care very little if it *is true*, at all!

It was the eloquence, the persuasive ear tickling power of rhetoric, so common among the philosophical orators of that day. These men were spellbinders. They could hold your attention about nothing, that meant anything, and produced ZILCH of any eternal benefit to your soul. And people filled their paper bags, or sacks with pay immediately after their entertainments: unchanged, As they headed off to lunch or dinner!

None of God's servants, have ever been this vacuous. They do have a weighty message. A message that few will truly receive. They often do not qualify for leading roles in Hollywood. And most of all, what is spoken, both encourages and offends their audience most all the time! Luke 6:26

*For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Isa 53:2,3*

**Our Lords Word is weighty.** It carries all the weight of perfect righteousness, infinite glory, and absolute truth. It will both save and damn. That's how heavy it is. John 12:48

**Our Lords person** was so insignificant, we have no description of him, other than despised, rejected, uncomely, unimpressive; to the world, not the believer. To us He is PRECIOUS! 1Peter 2:7

**And his gospel, His speech,** is held in contempt by almost everyone, but a real, needy, eternity bound sinner. The gospel of His Grace, is repugnant to the natural man. It is exclusive, except to earnest sinners. And it is God glorifying, and Christ exalting. Therefore it demolishes human pride and self esteem.

The POWER was not in his method! No technique. It was in His determination! "Christ crucified" 1 Cor2:2

Few men believe this. We know, because few preach Christ. Some about him, but few preach Christ!

"His thoughts are not our thoughts. Neither are His ways." Few, travel the road of free Sovereign Grace!

**Sermon outline: "The ministry of the prophet, Elisha"**

2 Kings 2:1-11

(1) **There are three major offices of Christ:** Prophet/ Priest / King:

Supporting offices, Servant, Surety, Substitute, Sacrifice, Savior Mt 1:21

(2) **The calling of the Prophet? God's mind, vision, purpose.** Jer 7:1-10

Isa / assessor 1:4-9 - Jeremiah/ demolition 1:10-17-19 - Haggai/Zechariah

Encouragers/ builders: "Be strong" Hosea 4:6

(3) **Elijah / Elisha- A wonderful gospel ministry:** Powerful/ Polemic/ Pro-

phetic: 1 Kg 118:24-2kg 2:10

(4) **A ministry preservation/ restoration/ revival:** 17;10-16 / 17-24 (boy) Israel/

Christ/ chosen sinners

(5) **The transfer:** Vs 1,2,4 "I will not leave!"

John 6: 26/ 53-59 60,61 - 66-68 A type of Christ/ Apostles

(6) **The external witnesses.** vs. 3,5 / Mt 27:62,63 -

(7) **The Jordan exchange:** Vs 7,8/1kg 19:13,19! Isa 30:1,2 ( Spirit of God)

A forehadow of the cross/ The resurrection. And the pouring out of the Spirit, on the apostles. Acts 1,2

**Application:** Elisha, shows us, what our ministry out to be. Functioning by grace, bringing the healing power of the gospel to the people of God, and doing the Work that Christ gave us to do!

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*** 1 Cor 15:58

We all who have tasted the grace of God , have a job to do! There are no unemployed Christians in God's Kingdom. Some of you have been on the sidelines, watching. Wondering if this is for you. This is sad. For our Rich Savior, has been employing men and women in his service of mercy and grace, for thousands of years now. None going hungry, or with lack of purpose, be it ever so small a chore. Yes other have had more arduous charges, according to their faith. Some have entered into the heat of the days battle, desiring to fill up in their body "the sufferings of Christ for the Church sake," Not all are so interested . Mt 20: 1-16

**Beloved, you may be sure of this one thing.** Your life is empty, not serving him, now! Being born again, you were made to exercise yourself in the matters of the gospel. As a wife, Mother, daughter, brother, sister, Dad, or friends in Christ. The service is the same. The gospel. To the World. By all means.

Hand out a CD. Give a brochure. Make the station known. Intentionally have lunch with a friend and let them know you desire them to know Christ and are praying to that end! A family member. All this is to been done naturally, as you go, about your life. God has a way of making the simple mundane everyday things full of glory, when our intentions are to serve him! John 4:28-30

**My friend Don Fortner**, has been recently diagnosed with a serious heart illness, of which he has both battled before, and has been laid up in the hospital for several days last week. This is a so serious that he could have, and still can be endanger of losing His life. Isa 57:1,2

He told me years ago, how that in his earlier years as a believer, He did no much take serving God serious.

Until he was laid up as a young man with cancer, and told He has a few months to live. He sought God earnestly . Promised that if He would get up out of that bed, He would never fail to preach and teach, warn and encourage men and women in Christ, the rest of His mortal life.

Many have asked, "where does he get the energy to go so frequently, here and there?" And some have dared to question the value of him traveling the world for Christ. He just came back from Europe, when He fell ill.

I am praying passionately for His recovery. His departure would be a great loss to the kingdom. Few men are as bold, clear, and uncompromising. He is loved, hated, respected, and despised. As it ought to be!

But this I know, His labor for Christ and the gospel, which He, his wife Shelby, and the handful of saints, in Kentucky, who manage so much, for so few a people, will never be in vain, in the Lord!