

Saying what God Says

I am a preacher who “backslid” for several years during the 1970s. After being restored, I preached so very hard against sin in the church and the nation throughout the decade of the 1980s. Perhaps I was seeking to prove my own righteousness through such preaching, but when the two largest ministries in the world fell to sex scandals in 1987-1988, I came to a place I could not continue. I felt like one of Job's comforters, of whom the young man Elihu said, “...have found no answer, yet have condemned Job...” Job 32:3. I had condemned men greater than myself, but had no answer to offer them. I shut down my radio ministry, stopped publishing books, and said to God, “If you can't give me the answer for the sin problem that is in the heart of man, I will close my bible and never preach again.” Almost immediately, every door of ministry closed to me.

For the next two years in my studies, I was continually drawn to scriptures that spoke of the blood of Jesus. One day in the spring of 1991, I came to a comparison of the blood of Christ with the blood of animals in the book of Hebrews. The apostle wrote, “For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh...” Hebrews 9:13. It is easy to see how the Old Covenant Law of Moses, using the threat of death, could control every aspect of a person's life, and make them appear to be righteous before men. There is one thing, however, that the Law of Moses and its sacrifices could not do; it could not cleanse the heart of a person. The next verse finishes this comparison, saying, “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**” Hebrews 9:14

A brief study of the word “conscience” in this verse revealed this to speak of “the innermost thoughts and feelings of man, including the imagination.” I was shocked! This was my problem, not something I was doing, but something in my heart that kept me in a continual warfare against sin. Suddenly, my eyes were opened to the truth. I lifted my hands to the Lord and cried, “Thank you Jesus for shedding your blood to wash me inside, where I could never wash myself.”

In an instant the filth in my thoughts and imaginations turned off, just like turning a water faucet off. I was freed from the sin that reigns in the heart of man. When I told my minister friends what Christ had done for me, no one rejoiced with me, but said, “God just doesn't do that.” I had received something wonderful that no one

wanted me to preach in their churches.

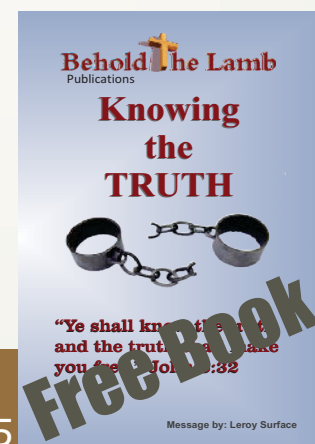
After that, I told the Lord, “I am willing to go anywhere and preach anything you want me to preach, but you must pay for it.” I refused to become a beggar, not even to preach the gospel. The Lord said to me, “If you will say what I say, I will put your ministry on television, and it will cost you nothing.” Within a month, I was contacted by the owner of a television station in Houston who had heard about the message of the blood of Christ I was preaching and wanted it on his station. He televised the Behold the Lamb broadcast for the next eight years without charge.

The next thing the Lord spoke to me was in a dream. In the dream, I was throwing rocks in a pond to see the ripples in the water. The Lord spoke to me in the dream and said, “If you will say what I say, one day you will throw a rock into a pond, and the ripples will wash up on the shores of every nation.” It was over twenty years before it began to happen, but over the past seven years our books have gone into 160 nations of the world without charge to anyone. We have never sold anything, never solicited donations, have not preached a “prosperity gospel,” or even passed an offering plate for over thirty years. God has abundantly supplied every need. As God promised, the “ripples” from this ministry are now in almost every nation on earth.

“Saying what God says” is to say what God said in His word, the Bible. I use only the KJV Bible, because it is the only bible that uses absolute language and leaves no “loopholes.” For example, the KJV speaks of “us which are saved...” I Corinthians 1:18, while every modern version speaks of “we who are being saved.” If we trust in a bible that teaches a “process” for salvation, we will never know in this life that we “are saved.”

Our entire nation is perishing in a moral freefall because of a church that refuses to preach the biblical truth that Christ came to make us free from sin. Romans 6:22. Instead, we are fed a steady diet of “unlimited forgiveness.” Jesus Christ did not shed His precious blood just to forgive and cover your sinfulness, but He died as “the Lamb of God” to “take away your sin” John 1:29. This is what God said in His word and this is what we must believe.

“And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.” I John 3:5-6



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