

Value the Word of God Value God's Church

“Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.”
(1 Kings 10:8 KJV)

“³¹ The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”
(Luke 11:31 KJV)

Queen of Sheba when she came to meet King Solomon, after what she had heard of his wisdom in her own country, and after she saw with her own eyes and heard with her own ears and how King Solomon answered all her questions, she was so amazed, ***“⁶ And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. ⁷ Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.”*** (1 Kings 10:6-7 KJV)

She further told King Solomon, ***“⁸ Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.”*** (1 Kings 10:8 KJV) She concluded from what she had seen and heard that the people under the leadership of Solomon they are glad and happy because they are receiving the wisdom of God and the word of God. They were receiving the teaching that would help them how to conduct their lives in the right way and how to take right decisions.

She also thanked God that he put Solomon as a leader over his people. She also concluded that God loved his people and out of His love for them He placed over them Solomon who would lead them with the will of God and

declaring to them the Word of God that will bring them into the proper judgment and into the justice of God. ***“Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.”*** (1 Kings 10:9 KJV)

God send to us the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Chief Shepherd to lead us to eternity. Christ gave His life for us, taking away our sins, and opened the way for us to reach God the father. After His resurrection from the dead He ascended to heaven He sent the Holy Spirit who gave the spiritual gifts to God's church, among these gifts the leadership gifts, ***“¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”*** (Ephesians 4:11 KJV) The leadership spiritual gifts are to lead the people of God into the whole will of God, and to give them the teaching to bring them into maturity.

When the people of God are without sound teaching they are lost. ***“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”*** (Matthew 9:36 KJV) ***“And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.”*** (Mark 6:34 KJV) God has compassion on His people and for this reason he placed pastors or shepherds over them to care for the sheep.

Pastors are brought by God to shepherd: David was brought by God from tending sheep to be shepherd over God's people in order to feed them and care for them. ***“From following the ewes great with***

young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.” (Psalm 78:71 KJV) Pastors are responsible not only to lead but to feed the church with God's Word, and teaching the way they live. ***“²⁰ And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.”*** (Exodus 18:20 KJV)

We need to value God's Word and God's church that gives us God's Word and His teaching. Leaders who feed the church with God's Word we need to appreciate and value what they are doing. God is compassionate on us and that is why He gave pastors who teach the word of God to help the people to manage their lives correctly.

When we don't appreciate the shepherds of God's church and when we are not doing our best to heed and apply their teaching to us then we are devaluing God's mercy, compassion, and His grace to us.

I started with the queen of Sheba and will end up with the queen of Sheba. Jesus mentioned her in the New Testament and he called her the queen of the south. ***“⁴² The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”*** (Matthew 12:42 KJV) This woman was non believer but she valued the word of God and valued the will of God that she heard from the mouth of King Solomon. While the Pharisees who knows the Word of God they devalue Jesus whom God sent to shepherd them.

In the same way when we undermine the teaching and the Word of God that is delivered to us by God's servants and the pastors that are appointed by God to teach us and discipline us then we are rejecting the wisdom of God and had put our lives in dangers of wrong decisions and wrong ways of lives as we reject the teaching that God is sending to us. In this way we are bringing

judgment and condemnation to ourselves when we reject the teaching that God's servants bringing to us.

Dear brethren, I admonish you today repent and change your ways and don't reject God's mercy and His Word that he sent to you, as you agree to pray.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your Word that is rebuking me and correcting me. Lord I repent from my decision to leave your church and the teaching that you sent to me through the pastors of church. I commit my life to appreciate your word and your justice and judgment and to abide with the Word that was delivered to me. Strengthen me Lord to continue to stand firm with your will and your plan. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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