

Pastors Thoughts of the Week

*And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.
Jeremiah 9:3:*

Jeremiah lived in treacherous times. Truth had already "fallen in the streets" as Isaiah had previously predicted. Prophet, priest and king were all confederate in their apostasy and "he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey". Prevarication wore the cloak of religious garb and while political sycophants entertained the king with fanciful delusions of prosperity and peace, the enemy assembled at the gates ready to wreak havoc on the deceived people of God. God's patience has it's threshold and Israel had foolishly squandered their last vestige of hope by disparaging the Lord's true messenger.

In his trenchant poem *The Present Crisis*, James Russell Lowell captures the spirit of his compromised era:

*Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.*

Depending how you assess our current age, we are either cursed or blessed with a super abundance of information. There truly is no excuse for ignorance in our information-saturated times. What used to take hours of research in the card catalogues at the local library can now be accessed in seconds with a few keystrokes from the comfort of an easy chair. But there is an inherent and present danger that must be assiduously averted; the "father of lies" has infiltrated the ranks of the learned. The devil, as his name asserts, is a deceiver. Of his many personas let us add that he is the editor-in-chief of all "Fake News". It is imperative to apply the interrogative "What is Truth?" before we permit the entrance of the perverted wisdom of this generation to infect our minds

There is in the heart and mind of every believer a sublime arbiter of truth- the Spirit of Truth who promised to guide us "into all truth" and who "teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie". This is a blessed protection from the skewed sophistry of a world gone mad by it's hatred for all things holy.

As we are bombarded with messages that are borne of minds controlled by the devil it is all too easy to fall prey to ideas that "proceed from evil to (more) evil". The Christian must, with the help of the Holy Spirit, scrutinize all information with a jaundiced eye and cast out the profane leaven that will utterly corrupt his wholesome temple. Beloved, let us gird up the loins of our minds and be valiant for the truth in this desperate time of religious apostasy, moral declension, and pseudo intellectualism.

Have a blessed day .

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Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17