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Brothers and Sisters,

## Called To Be A Missionary?

There are missionaries sent of God and there are missionaries sent of man! Let us examine according to the Word of God how to determine (judge) if we or another individual are sent of God or self or man. The message of salvation of a human soul is the most important message a human can convey to humanity. *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”* (Romans 10:13-15)

As John was sent to prepare for God’s (Jesus’) coming to offer salvation to the world so are humans today sent to prepare for God (Holy Spirit) coming to offer salvation to lost humanity. This is how God has chosen to expose His love and redemptive power to lost souls. God did not elect to use angelic beings nor only depend on the Spirit of Holiness to evangelize (Webster - 1: to preach the gospel to 2: to convert to Christianity) all mankind. God chose humans to evangelize! To send them forth to prepare the way to be saved; to prepare a lost soul to be convicted of their sin and repent! When there is no conviction there is no repentance and where there is no repentance there is no salvation!

Are you a true missionary or are you supporting a genuine missionary sent of God? Jesus stated that there was never a man born among women greater than John. *“For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”* (Luke 7:28) What better example than John could be used to examine (judge) humans claiming to be sent of God to help redeem a lost soul and not sent of man? True missionaries are not employed by humans nor is their calling a profession nor employment; they are commissioned by the Creator Himself to labor for Him! How much money did John receive? How much money did Jesus’ disciples earn (except Judas)?

*“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into*

*the world.*” (John 1:6-9) John was a man, a human, sent from God. We are not told that John had any special training nor is listed that he had any special human abilities. He was just a man sent! As far as we know John never played any instrument nor sang any songs but it is stated that John preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sin. He preached against sin to cause sinners to repent. He didn’t ask if they were saved nor did he care about any past religious affiliation they boasted about; John said Repent and make straight paths as is recorded in the Word of God. No fancy stories, no puppets, and no talent contests: Just repent! *“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.”* (Mark 1:1-5)

This missionary named John did not attempt to bring attention to himself nor to any human denomination or group but pointed to the One who will appear after him to redeem their soul from sin preparing that soul for eternal life! Look to Him not on me! Focus on Him not on me! *“John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.”* (John 3:27-30) John preached what God (Jesus) would preach. John gave his life preaching against sin as God (Jesus) would lay down His life preaching repentance against sin. John was in the wilderness and never went into man’s religious structures but went where the lost sheep were. This missionary did not fit in with the religious structure of his day but went where humanity was in need of repenting and not where humans were congregated in self-righteousness. John was a man of God and not a man of the people! John did not try to use public opinion nor religious affiliation to impress humans but instead preached repentance to all in and out of church. *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.”* (Matthew 3:7-9) John preached what his Master would preach if He were present: *“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* (Matthew 4:17)

We live in a day when many missionaries (pastors) in American pulpits may only preach repentance to the sinner while their congregation come and leave with sin in their life. They stir up their emotions and are satisfied with their responses if they reach a certain high and call it revival dismissing them still laden with the cares and transgression they came with.

*“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the **seven churches**.”* (Revelation 1:18-20)

*“Unto the angel of the **church of Ephesus** write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.”* (Revelation 2:1-4)

“And unto the angel of the **church in Smyrna write**; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; **I know thy works**, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.” (Revelation 2:8-9)

“And to the angel of the **church in Pergamos write**; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; **I know thy works**, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” (Revelation 2:12-16)

“And unto the angel of the **church in Thyatira write**; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; **I know thy works**, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.” (Revelation 2:18-20)

“And unto the angel of the **church in Sardis write**; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; **I know thy works**, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” (Revelation 3:1-3)

“And to the angel of the **church in Philadelphia write**; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; **I know thy works**: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.” (Revelation 3:7-8)

“And unto the angel of the **church of the Laodiceans write**; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; **I know thy works**, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:” (Revelation 3:14-17)

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: **if any man hear my voice, and open the door**, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” (Revelation 3:19-22)

The above Scriptures are Jesus conveying to His Church to humble themselves and repent in order to come into compliance with God's commandments. The flesh struggles to humble itself ~~but~~ oh what a blessing and peace comes to the soul who obeys the Spirit. The Spirit always leads to the benefit of the believer and their relationship to God the Father and God the Son!

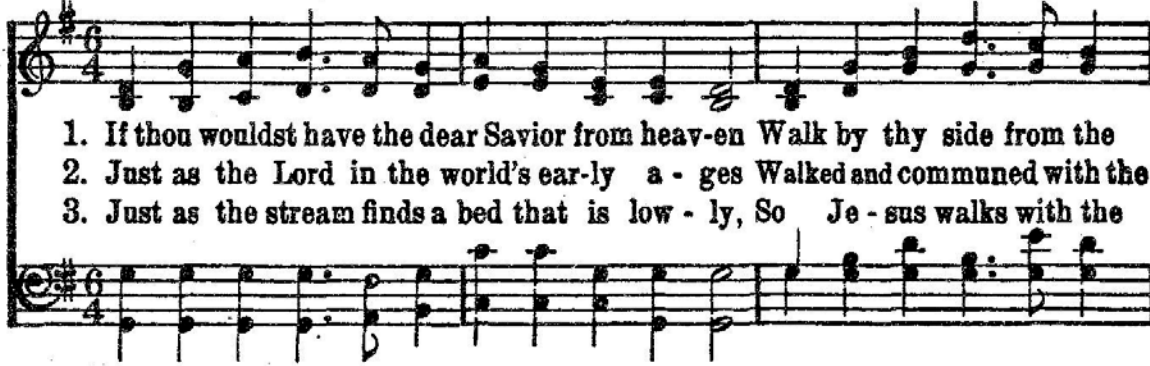
“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” (John 14:23)

**What a church service when these two show up!!!**

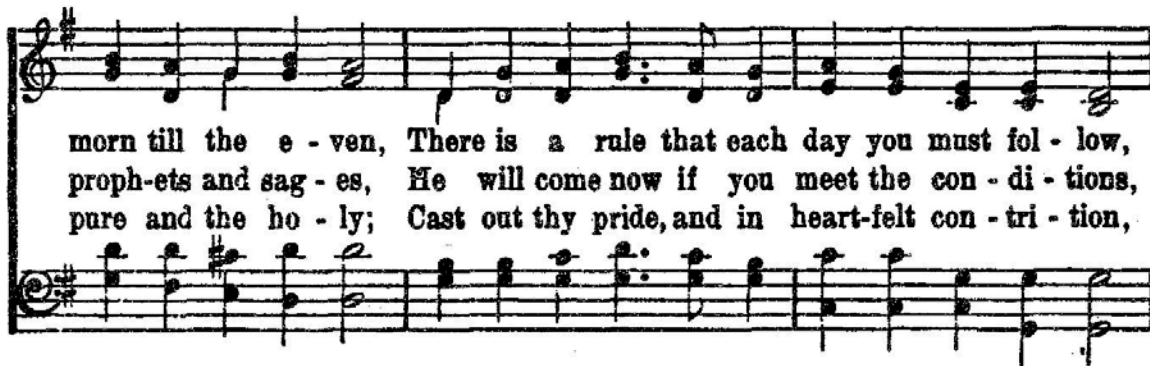
# Humble Thyself to Walk

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1. If thou wouldst have the dear Savior from heav-en Walk by thy side from the  
2. Just as the Lord in the world's ear-ly a - ges Walked and communed with the  
3. Just as the stream finds a bed that is low - ly, So Je - sus walks with the



morn till the e - ven, There is a rule that each day you must fol - low,  
proph-ets and sag - es, He will come now if you meet the con - di - tions,  
pure and the ho - ly; Cast out thy pride, and in heart-felt con - tri - tion,

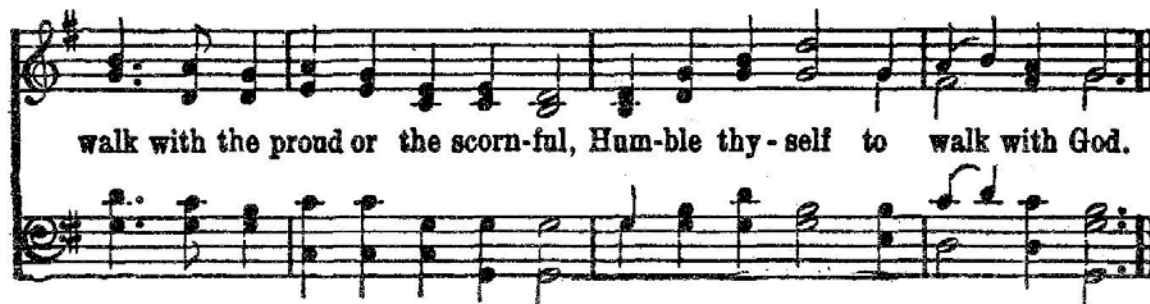
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near thee, Hum-ble thy - self and His pres-ence shall cheer thee; He will not



walk with the proud or the scorn-ful, Hum-ble thy - self to walk with God.

The only way to God is on your knees!!