

Dealing With Fanaticism Pt2

ACTS 20:29-30

29. For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous [wolves]** enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

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lukos {loo'-kos}

1) a wolf; applied figuratively to cruel, greedy, rapacious, destructive men

MATTHEW 7:15

15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are **ravening [wolves]**.

UNBELIEF DOES NOT HINDER GOD [62-0128M]

In the last days what it's take--going to take to stand is **a Scriptural-trained church**, on the line, for there's going to be carnal impersonations rise.

LUKE 10:3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among [wolves].

MATTHEW 10:16

16. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of [wolves]: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

JOHN 10:11-14

11. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the [wolf] coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the [wolf] catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS? [64-1227] We see, every man has his own interpretation.

That's why it's so confusing. But you know, the Bible said, that, "This Word is of no private interpretation." It don't need a Presbyterian interpretation of It. It don't need a Baptist interpretation. Neither does It need a Pentecostal interpretation. God is His own interpreter. He said He would do it, so He just does it, and that settles it. So that's why they see the Word of promise anointed and then they--they can't receive It. You see, because **It's contrary to their--their creeds.**

fanatic

"a person exhibiting excessive enthusiasm and intense uncritical devotion toward some controversial matter (as in religion or politics)"

~ merriam-webster.com

PROVERBS 28:21a *To have respect of persons is not good:*

JAMES 2:1

1. *My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.*

JAMES 2:9

9. *But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.*

WE WOULD SEE JESUS [54-1205] Many of you know my ministry. You've read the books. I'm your brother. **There's no more grace to me than there is to the drunkard that was saved five minutes ago.** See? God loves us all the same. We're not one above another. We're all the same. We're children.

WHY CRY SPEAK [59-1004E]

Doesn't make me any more than the man that got saved this morning, just your servant, your brother. Makes me less than you, because I'm sent to serve you. I am a servant to the public. A public service is a minister, to serve the public. To be the underdog, to take this knocks and brawls of the public, whatever it is, stand there. And if you haven't got grace enough to smile and take it, then you ought to go back to Calvary and reconfirm your commission.

THE UNWELCOMED CHRIST [55-0911]

Not long ago, was a healing campaign come to a certain city. *"The man of the hour,"* pictures on their papers, out on the walls and all over everything, and **not Jesus' Name mentioned once.** I said, "Where does Jesus come in on this? *'Here's the man of the hour. The man with a heart for the people. The God's man for this, and God's man for that.'*"

I said, **"Where is Jesus at? I thought He was the Man of the hour.** I thought He was God's Man. Where is He at?"

THE WORST SINNER IN THE CITY [56-0218E]

I thought, "Why, maybe Jesus isn't coming to the city. Maybe it's just the man." So that's about right.

BROKEN CISTERNS [65-0123]

There is only one Man of the hour, and that's Jesus Christ, Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

THE INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES [54-0509]

I, sometimes I think of my ministry, and see people come. And I'd get in a hotel room, say, "God, who--who's the people coming to see, me or You?" See? "If they're coming to see me, they're lost yet; but, O God, tear me down and take me away. I want to represent You, the One Who will stand before someday with trembling hands and trembling, feeble body, looking at me, knowing that my soul hangs by Your decision." Let us exalt Christ.

Today they say, "Well, I belong to the Baptist. I'm a Methodist. I'm belong to the Tabernacle. I do this." Oh, that has nothing to do with it, not a thing. I wonder sometime.

Here not long ago, I seen a--an advertisement up, where a certain campaign was coming to the city. And the word of the man, the man's name were in great big letters all the way around, like that. And on the bottom, in a little corner, said, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever,*" way down in the corner. See?

They took all the sacredness from Christ and put it onto some man, or some church, or some organization.

THE SEVENTH SEAL [63-0324E]

We want to be the gems of the crown of Jesus Christ. We don't want never put a man in it. You forget anything about me. I am your brother, a sinner saved by grace, not fit to live; that's exactly the truth; and I ain't saying that to be humble; that's facts. There's nothing in me, not one sound thing at all. But the grace of God has let my poor dimming eyes look beyond the curtain of time and see those things yonder...

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN [54-1024]

The churches, when they organize their churches, the things they do, they block off the blessings of God by their theology, that God cannot break through to bless His people. They get their church so formal, so stiff and so starchy till the Holy Spirit can't come into the church. And then when the devil seen he had that made, and some was going to break through anyhow, then he let them open other channels that wasn't the Gospel, and run them off into fanaticism. That's right. See? They either get to be a bunch of fanatics or a bunch of starches. But in the middle of the road, there's the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.