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Predictions Made By Jesus Christ

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Fulfilled Predictions Made By Jesus Christ

Christ predicted His own death and resurrection and the exact manner of His death and resurrection. At the very outset of His ministry He said, John 2:19, *“Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”* John tells us that He spoke of the temple of His body. A more explicit prediction of His death is made in Matthew 16:21, *“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.”* A little later He became still more explicit when He said to His disciples, Matthew 20:18-19, *“Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.”*

Christ predicted that there would be a great outward growth of His kingdom and at the same time an awful corruption of its inward life and doctrine. This was illustrated in the twin parables of the mustard seed and leaven. Matthew 13:31-33, *“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three*

measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”

Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem and the character and details of that destruction forty years before it occurred. Matthew 24:1-2, *“And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”*

Jesus predicted the subjection of the Jew to Gentile domination until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Luke 21:20-24, *“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”*

Jesus predicted that the Jews, though crushed and scattered throughout the earth, subjected to a tyranny such as no other people ever suffered, would preserve their race identity until He Himself would come to deliver them.

Jesus predicted that His words would stand and abide amidst the wreck of phi-

losophies and religions. Matthew 24:35, *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

Unfulfilled Predictions Made By Jesus Christ

Jesus predicted that He would come again to earth. John 14:1-4, *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”* I Thessalonians 4:16-18, *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

Jesus predicted that the time of His coming will be a time when human society is totally absorbed in worldly pursuits, profiteering, pleasure-seeking, and reeking with sin. Luke 17:26-30, *“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone*

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Buy the Truth and Sell It Not

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Proverbs 23:23, *“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”*

The most blessed possession of any human soul is God’s eternal truth. The most abject poverty is to be destitute of the truth. No text of the Bible emphasizes the value of truth more than the one before us. *“Buy the truth, and sell it not.”* We place a value on what we buy, and a greater value on what we will not sell.

What is Truth?

Where is truth to be found? In a person. John 14:6, *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

In a Book. John 17:17, *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”* The person is the author of the Book and the Book reveals the person. The person is Jesus Christ and the book is the Bible.

God is the source of truth. He is called the God of truth. Deuteronomy 32:4, *“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”* Isaiah 65:16, *“That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth.”* Psalm 31:5, *“Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.”* Men have sought for truth in human philosophy and science. Philosophy is an attempt to arrive at the truth by human reason; science is an attempt to get the truth by human experiment in the realm of nature. The Bible warns against both of these. Colossians 2:8, *“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”* I Timothy 6:20, *“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.”*

God must reveal the truth before it can be known. There must be both an objective and subjective revelation; that is both a revelation to and a revelation in men. The Bible is a revelation to men. Its truths come to every man who reads it or hears it read or preached. But there must be a revelation in man – this truth must reach his inward parts. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. John 16:13, *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...”* I Thessalonians 1:4-5, *“Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance...”* Galatians 1:16, *“To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:”* I Corinthians 3:5-6, *“Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”*

The Acquisition of Truth

Truth has to be acquired. No one possesses it naturally. Close all the Bibles, stop all mouths from speaking about God and eternal things for fifty years and how much saving truth would there be in this community?

How is truth to be acquired? It is to be bought. To buy something implies effort and concern. For a man to buy meat and bread for his family means toil and labor. Just as true in acquiring truth. Our stock of truth is in proportion to our effort to possess it. Truth does not fall out of the sky like rain. You have to dig for truth. Some of the things that truth costs:

Money – Wherever the truth has gone it has cost someone money. I Corinthians 9:11, *“If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?”* III John 1:7-8, *“Because that for his name’s sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore*

ought to receive such, that we might be fellow helpers to the truth.”

Earthly Pleasures – I believe that worldly pleasures incapacitate men and women from acquiring the truth. “I would give the world for such a knowledge of the truth,” said one woman to another. “That is exactly what it cost me,” said the other.

Perseverance – Isaiah 28:10, *“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:”* The study of the Bible is a task for a lifetime, and for all we know for eternity. No man ever gets too old to study and learn from the Bible. It is an exhaustless source of truth. II Timothy 2:15, *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* The truth is worth any price we might have to pay. It can not be too highly valued. Here is the difference between Mary and Martha. Luke 10:38-42, *“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

The Disposition of Truth

“Sell it not.” Hold on to it. It must not be surrendered. Jude 1:3, *“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”* Do not sell for:

(1) Money – There are many instances when a preacher might get more money by a surrender of the truth on certain subjects. No one but God knows how many wealthy men would cease support of the church if their sins were exposed by the Word of God.

(2) Popularity – I believe the greatest temptation any preacher has is to preach so as to be liked. Here is the preacher's greatest danger. It is easier to be poor than to be despised. The day of judgment will reveal some amazing things in this connection. I have just read (Pastor Ragland's) notes on a sermon entitled "Eat and Go," in which he makes the statements that a preacher may be popular and be a failure, but that he can not preach God's word and be a failure, though he may not be popular.

(3) The truth must be kept above personalities. We are to know man after the flesh in preaching the truth.

What is Truth?

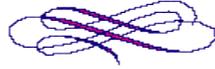
This question may be the sneer of a confirmed skeptic, or the shrug of indifference of a "practical man," or the cry of a seeking soul. It must have been the second in Pilate's case, for he did not even wait for an answer.

A preacher once said, "I have such a passion for truth that I am prepared to follow truth even though it lands me into atheism.

The most noble surrender is in the surrender to the truth. The one thing we are told to contend for is the truth. Jude 3, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The sweetest fellowship is fellowship in the truth. This kind of love is love for the truth.

I Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I

delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"



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from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 18:8, "...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Jesus has predicted that the time immediately preceding His second coming will be a time when human society is totally unsettled in its politics, its business, and its international affairs are in utter confusion. Luke 21:25-27, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." James 5:1, "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you."

Jesus has predicted that as a result of His coming He is to take the reins of government. All the evils of society are to be corrected and there is to be a reign of universal

righteousness throughout the world. The government shall be upon his shoulders. Matthew 25:31, "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:" Matthew 19:28, "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Isaiah 9:6-7, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."

John 14:10, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." John 14:24, "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." John 12:49, "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak." John 17:8, "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."

TAKING A LOOK BACK

From BSBC church minutes:

At a Church meeting called at Brother William Ellises 20th of January 1789. Brother John Macintosh was brought before the Church for a Disorderly departure from us, after hearing the matter over and laboring with the sd. Macintosh, First the Church are of opinion that he is guilty of usurping the Keys to himself and trampling under foot the Authority thereof, and Secondly that he Justly comes under the Character of a Sismatick and Covenant Breaker and added to all this he refuses to hear the Church consequently he is Excluded from our Communion. Ambrose Dudley Mdr., John Mason Clk.

At a Church meeting held at the School house near Benjamin Hailey's third Saturday in February 1789. Recd. Into the fellowship of the Church Richard Mitchell and his wife Susanna Mitchell by letter and Examination, and William Ellis Int. for baptism. Adjourned till meeting in Course. A. Dudley Mdr., J. Mason Clerk.

At a church meeting held at Bryan's meeting house Third Saturday in March 1789. Recd. Into the Church by letter and Examination Whorton Schooler and his wife Margaret Schooler, and Hannah Cropley by letter, Rawleight C(h)inn recd. for Baptism, agreed to give a letter of Dismission to sister Milley Brady. Recd. a negroe man Frank belonging to Bro. William Smith for baptism and Anram Farguson for Do. The adjourned till meeting Course. Ambrose Dudley Mdr., John Mason Clk.



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