

Staying The Course

An update of our CB3A Commentary Blog

For just a moment, let's recall one dynamic of Jesus Christ's ministry ...

Our Lord Jesus was often on the offensive in this way: He presented Truths of the Father with loving care for His listeners. He **endured** the teaching assignment He'd been entrusted. Thank You Lord!

As you most likely well know, the religious leaders of His day opposed Him. They sought to rebut the Teacher.

In response, the King of kings went on to rebut their efforts at undermining His Kingdom work. Our Lord's answers to His critics are awesome – yes, *jaw-dropping* awesome at times. His enemies could not deny Truth. So, allow us to ask:

What followed the era of our Lord Jesus' authoritative teaching ministry? What was the *event* of the Divine messenger being temporarily silenced by those who were threatened by His ministries? (See our concluding "**simple thought**" found in the middle bottom section of the next [or back of this] page for details.) Before answering this question, let's spend a little more time contemplating our Lord's ministry example, especially the one highlighted above).

He *stayed the course*. He persevered in sharing Truth. Concerning Christ's Truth-sharing efforts, we would **do well** to follow our Lord Jesus' example. And so we shall ...

The protective end-time Truths of יהוה God are essential Truths for today. The *end of days* are unfolding in precise manner God has outlined and we would **do well** to heed His protective Counsel.

Like our Lord, we present Truths of the Father with loving care for our listeners. Here are a couple of those pertinent Truths:

God's Word is **FILLED** with Counsel for today. Please read the insightful passages which touch upon "end times," including the sign passages addressing events before Jesus Christ's initial appearing.

If you don't know what these passages happen to be, you need to first realize (discern) the danger you are presently in: Ignorance is NOT bliss! God has shared loving Counsel about our day and if you're not even aware of what that Counsel is, you need to acknowledge you're in more *harm's way* than you discern. Seriously!

Okay, once we have the passages dealing with *end times* in front of us, there's an essential *next step* we must take. We must read the materials in this way: Allow the passages to say what they actually say. Let's not *read into* the content. The God-breathed Words our Lord has graciously extended to us speak for themselves. May we ponder His revealed Truths.

Let's include in the process (of pondering), this humble prayer: "Lord, open my eyes that I may behold wonderful things from Your Word." God's Spirit is willing to illuminate if we but ask for His help. May each of us do just that, each and every time we take in His Word.

Okay, moving on (now that we have the passages so applicable to our situation today) ...

Following Jesus' teaching ministry, our appeals for Truth for today -- found in His Word -- have been made. (By the way, if, for some reason, you cannot find these end-time passages, please write to us for

the list. Write to us at Endurance Ministries: P.O. Box 92098; Portland, Oregon 97292.) Our Truth appeals are found in the very passages on our list. We really don't need to comment on what our Lord has kindly revealed to us but we do have to read for ourselves that which He has so gifted. What grace!

Moving on ...

Having affirmed God's HUGE Counsel (the passages), we shouldn't be surprised when some of the authorities of our day would contend against those of us who lovingly herald His Truths. This, now growing opposition, is taking place in SO many ways today. Some are quite easy to discern while other attacks are much more subtle, but NO doubt, they are clearly there! (And do you know what? We can even ask God for help with THIS aspect of the process. We can ask God to illumine our eyes whereby we better discern the many expressions of spiritual warfare. It's amazing what He bestows by way of insights as He answers this type of humble prayer! God is so generous.)

As we **abide in God's Vine** ...

As we **walk in His Spirit** ** ...

He bestows wonderful things. After all, He cares! He has even promised to *bestow*. Seriously, read Mark 13, focusing especially on verses 5-11. God will help us discern the dangerous deceptions and He will even give us His Truth-based answers as we confront our enemies. *Glory be* to our God Most High! He is generous indeed. This includes the imparting of His Truths in the setting of this Christ-honoring attitude: *Caring enough to confront as we speak His Truths in love!*

We can indeed rebut the rebutters but we need to do so under God's empowering, not our own.

As we conclude this blog, we close with this **simple thought**:

After our Lord successfully contended against the pawns of satan -- those who hated Him and His ministry efforts - **what happened**? They killed Him, thinking they were doing God favor/service.

In like manner, as we follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus, we, too, will be ill treated. In this, let's stay on God's offensive and endure in living in His big-picture perspective as the opposition against us escalates. Let's follow our Lord in *staying the course*. Take encouragement in these **wonderful** passages: Mt. 5:10-12; John 16:1-4, 33; Acts 14:22c; Romans 8:18; II Tim. 3:12ff; James 1:2-8.

Note: Just in case you missed *discerning* it, one goal of this blog is this: To further encourage our readers to **go back to God's Holy Word for precious Help for today and bright Hope for tomorrow**. In conclusion, we do ask: Do you need a list of end-time Bible passages? Just ask, via email, and we'll send you ours (our list).

** Please visit a web site we've recently published, one which simply shares HOW we can live successfully during these *end of days* when the *rebutters* of God and His people are everywhere. <http://www.endmin.com> The two main passages which are highlighted on this site are sincerely **amazing**. While not mentioned on the site, two additional passages which bring sweet blessing to those who believe God at His Word include John 15:5 and Philipians 4:13.