

A MAN SENT FROM GOD

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*There was a man sent from God,
whose name was John.
[John 1:6]*

A man sent from God! If there was ever a time for "a man sent from God" it is now! The world but especially the Church desperately needs such a man.

If God were to send a man to us, what would such a man be like? What would be his message to us? How would we know him?

You might say: "Brother, we have men everywhere that God has sent: Our Pastor, our Bishop, our Evangelist, the TV Evangelists, why, they're everywhere"! Well, maybe so, however, when I put to the test all these men that most folks would mention, they all seem to fall very short of one truly sent from God. What "test" am I referring to? The Biblical test!

Just what measuring rod do you use to "try the spirits" to see if they be of God? How indeed would you know if a man was "sent of God" or the devil? We know according to the scriptures that Satan can transform himself into an angel of light and his ministers (demons) as minister of righteousness! (See 2Cor. 11:13-15).

So, how would you know? Jesus said that false prophets would come in sheep's clothing. In other words

they would appear as a child of God!

This is truly a question of life or death! Life, if we know the real and death if we acknowledge the false!

The Apostle John knew by the Spirit that in the last days we would be faced with many false christs. He said there were already many anti-christs in his time.

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. [1John 2:18-19]

The Apostle reveals a great test how we can tell the real from the false! First of all, the false preachers won't have the Apostle's doctrine! John said those with the spirit of anti-christ were once with the Apostles, but "*they went out from us*". They were not real born again Christians, they were pretenders! If they had been real, they would have continued with the Apostles and their teaching.

But the most revealing thing the Apostle said in describing how we would know the false is found in chapter four of First John: "*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.*" [1John 4:1-5]

There are many false prophets or anti-christs. Not a few, but many! *"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."* [1John 4:2-3]

The Word of God in many instances is written to communicate a two-fold meaning. I personally believe this is exactly what we see in First John chapter four, verses two and three. First, Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. He did come as a man; suffered the shame and agony of the Cross, died, was buried, and rose again the third day. Every spirit that denies this fact is anti-christ! As hard as it is for me to believe, some actually believe that our Lord's flesh was God (spiritual): (The Word was made flesh). I have actually heard preachers teach that Jesus was God and didn't feel any pain when He was whipped or on the Cross! Another misguided individual preached that Jesus was God and God was a Spirit, so he reasoned that Jesus didn't really have any blood because His blood was the Blood of God! Those two preachers would have to be dumb and dumber. I would hate to hear what the dumbest preacher would say! Either way, I submit that these are anti-christ statements. Secondly these verses could be interpreted that every person who confesses the Holy Spirit of God is actually confessing that Christ IS COME in their flesh (bodies). However, does their lives indicate that Jesus Christ has taken His abode in their flesh? Do they live holy dedicated, consecrated lives, or do they live loose, worldly lives? The Spirit that is IN THEM will either manifest the fruits of the Spirit of God or the fruits of the anti-christ! Your very spirit confesses who you are!

Also, the Apostle is very bold in verse five: "*They are*

of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them." There they are, perfectly revealed! They are OF THE WORLD! Worldly! Loving the world more than they love God. They are materialistic, desiring things and pleasures more than the things of the Spirit. Houses, lands, riches, are the focus of their lives. They want God to bless them, but their focus is on carnal blessings rather than spiritual blessings. Material prosperity is their number one goal in life! Worldly prosperity is the anti-christ preacher's message: "*they are of the world: therefore they speak of the world!*" "*And the world heareth them.*" Yes, the world hears them! Worldly, sensual, material loving, prosperity loving, selfish people, hear them, and they certainly, "follow them"!

Look at the major religious movements of today! Examine their message! Are they not, and is not their message what the Apostle John and I have described? Surely you can see the truth! God will prosper His people, but He never intended for us to wholly seek after material things. The Word of God has told us to be content with what we have; *food and clothing*. The Word of God has told us to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all the things the world seeks for will be given us (Mat. 6:33).

My friends, we are to seek after the things that are eternal, and the Lord will graciously give us whatever we need to sustain us here on planet earth. Further, I believe that God will abundantly bless those that have a loving, giving spirit; that they will always be able to enjoy the pleasures of giving.

There is a Bible message of prosperity! Here is one of the most popular verses: "*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*" [3John 1:2] Notice, there are three

areas of blessings mentioned. The first is, "thou mayest prosper". I believe this means material things. The second is, "be in health". That's divine health. You can't be sick and in health at the same time! Now the third is the most important, "as your soul prospers". Yes, I believe God will prosper you, as your soul prospers! Therefore, if your soul is not prospering, the other blessings will not happen.

Another test to identify the anti-christ preachers is they will shy away from calling sin, sin! They won't preach against sin. They will not cry aloud and spare not! Although they speak much about love; the love they promote is a humanistic, carnal, sensual love, not a godly love. The Bible says "open rebuke is better than secret love". They will not rebuke for fear of losing a good giver or tithe payer. The word holiness is never mentioned in their dialog! As a matter of fact, most of them blatantly hate holiness, especially in regards to the outward appearance. Yes, they are of the world, worldly; and the world hears "follows" them!

You can be fooled by all this worldly religious mess if you want to. Men and women ministers parading about in clothing more fitting for prostitutes and pimps. Come on!

Well, enough said about the false! If you are so spiritually blind as to not see what is going on, then my friend, you are deceived anyway, and there is nothing I can do to help you.

I can plainly see the false and I hope you can also, but where are the real men of God? Are they here? Yes, a thousand times, yes! They are here, and as a matter of fact God is about to send forth an army of "Sent Ones"! They will be uniquely different than what the world is accustomed to. Most of the world has only been affected by the easy-believism, watered down false gospel of the anti-christ preachers. The money, wealth, prosperity,

materialism, say the sinners prayer, shake the preachers hand, join the church, worldly gospel that has deceived millions is about to be turned upside down by God sent True Apostolic men and women with a powerful anointing to back them up.

I believe the Apostles ministry is being restored! God revealed many years ago that in the last days He was going to send Master Builders once again to re-build the Kingdom of God! They would come and build the right house on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the Chief Corner Stone.

A number of years ago I had a vision of this. Many of you have heard me tell this vision, but it merits revisiting for this article. In my vision, I saw a sub division with many streets in it. As I walked up one street I saw foundation after foundation, but no houses built on them. Later, I walked up another street and I saw houses built on foundations. Some of them were beautifully built homes, but I noticed that the foundations of those houses were cracking, and some of the foundations extended past the frame of the houses, and some were about to fall in. Clearly, the houses were built either on wrong or faulty foundations. These beautiful homes were in danger of collapsing! As I walked up another street, I saw many houses in awful condition! The windows and doors were installed crooked, the siding and brick work was awful, and the roofs were all out of square and shape. But, to my amazement, the foundations of these houses had no cracks in them; they appeared to be perfectly level and plumb, and the masonry work was beautiful.

What was my vision about? I believe God was showing me the overall condition of the Kingdom of God! Here is the interpretation: The first street had foundations but no houses. Many have preached the foundational

truths of the New Testament, but have never built a spiritual house on the foundation. Every Wednesday night and Sunday morning it's the same old message. Repent, be baptized, receive the Holy Ghost, and on and on; in every service. You never hear a message on restoration, or going on unto perfection, or son-ship. Just foundational truths only. The foundation is there, but no house.

And there was the street that had beautiful houses built on very faulty foundations. These represented the super-spiritual teachers of our day that have a good "son-ship, be ye perfect" message that have lifted the people to very high expectations of spiritual greatness. But their mistake is they have built their spiritual house on the wrong or faulty foundation and they will not stand. These discarded the foundation assuming they didn't have to obey it, or preach it. They have spiritualized repentance, water baptism, tithing and sacrificial giving, the Lord's supper, and may other foundational truths. Some have begun to teach how to speak in tongues rather than tarrying for the Holy Ghost until they receive the baptism. Good houses, bad foundation!

Now, there was the street that had badly built houses, but the foundations were perfect. These are those that have laid the right foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the Chief Corner Stone, but have failed to build the house of God according to the New Testament. You have the right foundation, but how have you built on it? Is the house according to God's plan (He is the Architect) we are the builders? Few today that have the right foundation are "going on unto perfection" few are "contending for the faith once delivered" few are "preparing for the coming of the Lord" even fewer are doing all they can to reach a lost and dying world with the True Gospel of Jesus Christ. Good foundation, bad house!

There we have it, the Kingdom in a mess! But, GOD IS SENDING MASTER BUILDERS! These last day men sent from God are going to build the right house on the right foundation. But be forewarned, they are going to have to first tear down, root up, and destroy everything that is not right, and then they are going to build!

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. [1Corinthians 3:10]

I know most of you have heard much about prophets! It seems everyone today is a prophet, or calls himself a prophet. But what about the Apostles? Well, I am convinced that they are here and they are about to be revealed! Do you know what the word Apostle means in the original Greek? Let me show you . . . In Strong's Concordance, the word *apostle* is number 652 and means this: an ambassador, a commissioner of Christ, a messenger, *he that is sent*. HE THAT IS SENT, A SENT ONE! Be prepared my friend, they are coming!

"There was a man sent from God" Folks, you know we need them! We have got to have them! They will never compromise or back down. They value their lives as nothing! They are not only ready to suffer for the Gospel, they are ready to give their lives! They are sold out! Living only for the Gospel! They are consumed by the Word of God! Their meat is to do the will of the Father that sent them, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK!

They have no other agenda than to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. You will know them, if you know the Lord! They are bold, but yet full of compassion. They speak with great authority, but filled with the love of God.

Their message is like those of old. While they

Speak, you can close your eyes and it would seem you have gone back in time two thousand years, and you are hearing Peter, Paul, James, or John speaking.

Their words are like fire that burns to the soul. You actually feel their words as it penetrates your being. The anointing that God has placed in them is powerful; the sick are healed, and miracles take place as they speak.

These are sent from God! Not from headquarters! They have a message from God! There are some today that call themselves Apostles, but some *man* has appointed them. Just as many are called Prophets, but most have been appointed by men.

These that are now being revealed have been appointed and ordained by God Himself and there is nothing anyone can do about it.

Don't be shocked at their attitude! Don't be shocked at their rudeness! Don't be shocked at their contempt of false preachers and false doctrines! To them their word is life or death!

These will bind and loose and God will back them up! These will openly rebuke sin that all might fear.

They don't, and won't preach for money! God will sustain them by those that He has foreordained. He has already prepared the way for them and they are coming.

Yes, you will know them if you know the Lord! The organized church world will hate them. Yes, hate them! They will be despised and rejected by the majority, but loved by the few, for God's true people are but a few. The few, the real, will rejoice at their word!

You talk about an end time revival! The world has not seen anything like them in two thousand years! The spirits of the Prophets and Apostles of old are in them. Some have been looking for Elijah and Moses to come back. But what about the spirits of all the old Prophets and

Apostles being sent back to this old world and possessing these last day sent ones!

You say I'm crazy, well I just might be. Leave me alone, I am crazy for Jesus, who are you crazy for!?

Don't you realize that the Spirit of God that was in all them is in us today? What we are going to witness is the MANIFESTATION OF HIS SPIRIT.

Manifested in a man of God that is sent from God.

I long to bear witness of the Truth manifested with the Power! How long will it be O' Lord? How long will you wait for the precious fruit of the earth?

Send them Lord! Send them now! Send the end time laborers into this great harvest. Don't tarry Lord, send them now!

Are you ready for the Sent Ones? Is your heart prepared?

I have heard many times over the years, "If Peter and Paul were here, the church wouldn't be in the mess it is in."

Many today preach about a restoration. I firmly believe we are now in *the times of restitution* spoken of in Acts chapter three. If we are in fact now entering such a time, the ministry I am speaking about is certainly about to be revealed.

The sent ones will restore the church to the glory she once enjoyed.

The anointing that was in Apostles is here and about to be manifested. But, I must say this, if you are expecting God's Apostles to fix all the problems with the church world, you are going to be greatly disappointed. They are not coming to fix that which does not belong to God. They are coming to prepare those that God has given an ear to hear.

All others will reject and despise the "sent ones" from God.