

For Our Information

Paula Laubach had her stitches removed. She is feeling some better but is still limited in what she can do.

Annette Gray is in Houston, TX with Carolynn Richmond this week.

John LaValla has had some sickness due to nausea medication he was given in addition to his cancer meds.

Keep Ricky & Theresa Ragsdale and our other family members with difficulties in your prayers.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

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We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

Beware of the craftiness of Satan. The wiles of the devil are many, and we must stand against them (Eph. 6:11). The whole armor of God is the only effectual means that we have to overcome the deceit that the evil one uses against us. Even in the midst of religious activity, Satan casts his seeds of doubt to undermine the faith of the unwary and the easily deceived ones. He comes sometimes through "learned" professors and "theologians" from religious schools and universities to tell the world that "the faith" of the Word of God (Jude 3) is actually a composite of legends, traditions, and symbols borrowed from Roman paganism. These "professors" tell the world that facts of historical events, authorship of the Scriptures, and even the true identity of characters in the Bible may have no basis in reality.

Search the Scriptures. See what the Bible actually teaches. Strengthen and solidify your faith by the knowledge of the Word of God. Learn by careful study how to handle aright the Word of Truth. Feed upon the milk and meat of the Word, and it will bring health to your soul. — Gilbert Alexander.

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Teachers In The Old Testament

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In Old Testament times, God relied on teachers to communicate His will to man and propagate His principles to His people. Consider the following with me:

Emphasis Placed On Teachers In The Old Testament

God has always sent forth teachers to persuade men. He sent Noah, a preacher of righteousness, to persuade people to repent (**2Peter 2:5**). He sent prophets to Israel to plead with her to turn from her sins



The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2Timothy 2:2



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(**Hebrews 1:1**). God even sent Jonah to the wicked city of Nineveh to encourage their repentance (**Jonah 3:1-10**). When one studies the Old Testament, he will clearly see the emphasis upon teaching and thus the importance of faithful teachers.

No Shortage Of Great Teachers In The Old Testament

The Old Testament is full of outstanding people who taught God's Word diligently, even in the midst of opposition. From Moses to Malachi, men of the Old Testament stood boldly and taught the Will of God. In a day of soft preaching and compromised positions we need to rekindle the spirit seen in the prophets of old.

We Need The Spirit Of Moses

Moses set before the people both blessings and curses (**Deuteronomy 28-30**). Moses wasn't concerned with pleasing people, he wanted them to know the importance of obedience and the perils of turning away from God. Stressing the positive is fine, as long as we are willing to stress the negative as well. It's good to tell people how much God wants to bless them, but we better be telling people of the curses and consequences of disobedience as well.

We Need The Spirit Of Micaiah

Micaiah was a prophet when Ahab was king of Israel. His story is told in **1Kings 22**. Micaiah was one who was willing to speak the truth, even when others

Store In My Heart

1Peter 3:4

but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

This is the second part of a "not, but" statement.

Instead of concern for getting just the right look in our attire, we ought to be concerned with how we have filled our heart. Our inward attitude will shine through our clothes. If we are truly devoted to God, we will have an attitude of humility which seeks to teach others about God. We will cloth ourselves in service and obedience and it will be evident to all.

What is seen by others when they look at me? Do they notice my clothes or my gentle spirit of love?

wouldn't. When a servant of the king encouraged Micaiah to lie and give the king a good report, Micaiah said, "*what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak*" (**1Kings 22:14**). Every person today who has a desire to teach should have this some attitude. Man may at times want his ears tickled, but faithful teachers must ignore this and remain faithful to God's revelation (**2Timothy 4:1-5**).

We Need The Spirit Of Enoch

Enoch stood ready to warn ungodly people about their deeds (**Jude 14,15**). He warned the wicked people of his day that the Lord was coming to execute judgment. In this ungodly society, people must be warned of the approaching judgment. And we should note that Enoch not only talked the talk, he also walked the walk. Enoch walked with God and thus was translated to heaven (**Genesis 5:22-24; Hebrews 11:5**). Enoch pleased God by his life and faithful teachers today will do the same.

Let all teachers of truth today learn from those we read of in the Old Testament. We should be willing to emphasize the negative like Moses, speak all that God says like Micaiah, and warn the ungodly of judgment to come like Enoch. The New Testament message is different from the old, but the spirit that God expects us to have is the same as the teachers back then.

(Examples of teachers throughout Scripture should guide us in our own teaching. Our obligation to teach God's Word must be fulfilled in accordance with the examples found in that Word. DLH)