

THE BATTLE IS IN YOUR MIND

Lesson 25 – Outline

I. A New Testament believer praises God for what He's already done and offers oneself as a vessel for the Lord to work through.

A. The real focus needs to be on the way we think.

B. We must preach the Gospel.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?...So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:14-15 and 17

C. Faith for salvation, healing, and everything else comes by hearing the Word of God.

II. Numbers 16 is another Old Testament example that is often used to teach “spiritual warfare” and “intercession.”

A. People say, “You must stand in the gap, begging and pleading with God, for your loved ones to be saved, healed, or whatever.”

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.

Numbers 16:41-45

B. God was upset because the people had come against Moses and Aaron.

Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living;

and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

Numbers 16:46-49

III. Jesus is the only mediator now between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5).

- A. God placed His wrath over your sins upon Jesus, and all you must do is humble yourself and receive the forgiveness He offers as a free gift.
- B. He's already dealt with your sin through the atoning sacrifice of His Son.
- C. If you're trying to tell God to repent and have mercy, then you're trying to improve upon the work that the Lord Jesus Christ has already done.
- D. God's heart is already toward us because He loves us.

IV. God always backs up His truth with power (Mark 16:20).

- A. If Jesus needed proof that He was sent from God and speaking the truth, then we do too (John 10:38).
- B. We need to start sharing God's Word and demonstrating His supernatural power—then people will turn to the Lord.
- C. Some of the doctrines that are held most dear in the body of Christ today have been established by the devil (1 Tim. 4:1).
- D. Faith can't rise in someone's heart unless you share the truth with them.

Behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them...Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 5:14 and 23:29

- E. The Word says that people must be born again by the incorruptible seed of God's Word (1 Pet. 1:23).

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Lesson 25 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Romans 10:14-17, what comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God?
2. Numbers 26:10-11 says that the fire devoured how many men?
3. Whose children did not die?
4. Who fell on their faces in Numbers 16:41-45?
5. In Numbers 16:46-49, what did Moses tell Aaron to use to make an atonement for the people?
6. Whom did Aaron stand between?
7. Jesus said in John 10:38 to believe what?
8. So that we may know and believe that the Father is in Me and what?
9. According to 1 Timothy 4:1, what does the Spirit warn that some shall depart from in the latter times?
10. What will they give heed to instead?
11. What did God say His words in the mouth of the prophet in Jeremiah 5:14 would become?
12. What would be the wood that his words would devour?
13. In addition to fire, what is described as a hammer in Jeremiah 23:29?
14. What does that hammer break?

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Lesson 25 – Scriptures

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:14-17

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign. Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

Numbers 26:10-11

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Numbers 16:46-49

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:5

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Corinthians 4:4

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:20

But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

John 10:38

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

1 Timothy 4:1

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Jeremiah 5:14

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23