

Jeremiah 18:1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work

on the wheels.

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

A Lesson at the Potter's House



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The Way of Holiness

We are living in a time of confusion and uncertainty. Many people are confused about what to do, where to go, and what is right. This is also true in the spiritual sense. People have all kinds of standards today, ranging from liberal to fanatical, but there is only one God, one Bible, and one Holy Ghost. Most confusion today is due to people refusing to obey God.

In Isaiah 35:8 we read, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the

wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." The Prophet Isaiah said there will be a way, and it will be called "The way of holiness." Jesus clearly stated in John 14:6, "I am the way." I want you to realize that to get on this way, it takes obedience to God's Word on your part. Unless you do what you are supposed to do, you will never get on the way of holiness. The way has already been made for you to get on this highway, but you have to do your part.

Proverbs 3:1-3 says: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: [If you are going to get on this highway, you

must have more than a head knowledge of God's Word, and you must do more than think about it, talk about it, and read about it. When you hear or read God's Truth, you must keep His commandments. What will the results be?] For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart."

The writer was simply saying that if you are going to get on the way of holiness, then you have to let Truth and mercy become a part of you. Also, you must keep His commandments, not because of what

someone else says, but because it is right. Unfortunately, some people are keeping God's commandments simply because they want to please others. Friend, you need to keep His commandments because it is right. This is the only way you can make Heaven your home. In doing so, you will find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and men. You may not please everyone, but you will please God and the saints of God, and that is all that is necessary. Christian friend, it does not make any difference what people think of you if God has written your name in the Book of Life. The only one you have to please is God. If you will do that, you will keep God's commandments and hold onto His eternal Truth.

In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him

Truth is getting scarce in the religious world today. Whenever you hear the Truth, you need to let it go down into your heart and become a part of you; bind it about your neck. Proverbs 3:5-6 states: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding [not what you or other people say or think]. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and [if you do this], he shall direct thy paths [that you may always be in the Truth]." You will stay in the Truth if you let God lead you. He will never lead you any place other than where the Truth is, my friend.

Jesus made it quite clear that going back to the Father was necessary for Him, and He said He would send the Comforter. He said the Comforter would teach us all things, give us the Spirit of Truth, and reprove the world of sin. In other words, our lives will convince others that they need more than a profession; they need a possession to please God. You must always acknowledge Him, let Him direct your steps, and be motivated by the Spirit of God.

Throughout God's Word He has

given examples of those who were in the right way when they sought God's divine direction. On the other hand, when people go astray, they never find the answers they seek. I will give you an example of what I am talking about. God told Abraham to take his only son and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham journeyed for three days, and when he saw the mountain that God directed him to, he went upon that mountain and placed his son on the altar. When he raised the knife to slay his son, God stopped him, and when Abraham turned around, a ram was caught in the thicket. Had Abraham gone somewhere else other than where God told him to go, the sacrifice would not have been there.

When Paul went down the road to Damascus, he was on his way to persecute the saints of God. However, as he was traveling there, God struck him down, and when he arose, Acts 9:6 tells us that he was trembling and asked God, "What wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go on into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." God showed Paul exactly what He wanted him to do.

God is still directing His saints. The same Spirit of God who was back in Paul's day dwells within God's people today. I want to emphasize that if you receive the Spirit of God, He will direct your paths in all ways. God will show you exactly what He wants you to do, where He wants you to go, and what position to fill in the body.

The first statement Jesus made when He began His ministry and called His disciples was, "Follow me" (Matthew 4:19). God is still calling honest hearts from the life of sin, changing their lives, and setting them free. Christ has one message, and that is, "Follow Me." If you will follow God, you will find an experience that will keep you, and you will enjoy it. Also, you will enjoy the saints of God, the Word of God, and everything God has for you. Then when you have finished your

course, He will take you to your long, eternal home in Heaven. On the other hand, if you do not follow Him and you follow a man, it will bring you to nothing but catastrophe. Sad to say, that is what is happening to many people today. God's people are divided simply because some do not want to follow God and the Spirit of God. They have decided to follow men. God is saying, "Do what I tell you to do; follow Me."

If you follow God, you will see good results. The people of God in Moses' day needed the Law when they were brought out of Egyptian bondage, and they also needed someone to direct them. At Mount Sinai God called Moses up into the mountain and gave him the Ten Commandments.

How to Be a Peculiar Treasure to God

Exodus 19:3 and 5 reads: "And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying [had he gone to another mountain, he would not have received the Law to direct the people]. Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; . . . Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." In other words, God was saying, "If you will do as I tell you to do, you will be a special people to Me." When you have something special, you take particular care of it. For example, when a child receives a toy that is special to him, he will take particular care of it. Other toys may be strung around here and there, but not the one that is special. God was saying in these verses of Scripture, "If you will listen to Me and do what I tell you, then you will be a particular treasure to Me."

All creation belongs to God. Jesus said in Matthew 10:29-30: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall

on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." Since God is so careful to number the hairs of your head and cares for every sparrow that falls, then you can be assured that He watches over you closely. Jesus said in verse 31, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows." If you will keep God's commandments, you are so special to Him that in everything you do and everywhere you go, He has His eyes on you. He watches over you, and He will give you power so that all the devils in hell cannot move you off track, if you will listen to Him.

The Israelites received the Law that would have led them to certain victory. The Scripture lets us know that when Moses went up the mountain, God gave him the Law. The Apostle Paul stated in Galatians 3:24 that "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ." When they got to the end of that era, Christ was there, and He took over where the Law left off. When Christ came, the Jewish people refused Him and failed to recognize Him as the Son of God. They said, "Who is this man?" Why? They did not do what God told them to do. Friend, if you do what God tells you to do and keep His commandments, He will lead you each day. When the preacher gets up and preaches something that you do not understand, if it is God's Truth, it will register in your heart that it is Truth, and you will walk in the light of it. That is what God wants. God has a standard. He has always had a standard, and He always will.

God told His people they were going to cross many countries on the way to the promised land. He said many enemies would battle against them, but if they would keep His Law, He would give them victory over every one of them. When they came to the land of Canaan, He said He would remove every obstacle so that they could live in that land of plenty.

I want you to understand that God has given His Word and His

Spirit to guide you, if you will keep His law. Friend, many enemies will try to defeat you, but God can give you victory over them. You can have victory over every enemy, my friend, and in the end you can make Heaven your home. However, it all depends upon whether you do as God tells you to do.

Israel was disobedient, and as a result, they did not recognize Jesus when He came. If you walk in the light and allow the Spirit of God to guide and direct you, you will recognize Truth. God will show you if someone tries to lead you away from His eternal Truth. Many people are of the persuasion that an antichrist will come in the future; however, the Apostle John stated in his day that many antichrists had already come.

Christian friend, when you take a stand for God's eternal Truth, some will try to pull you away from Truth to an old Babylonian, man-made organization that has no power of God. All they want to do is draw you away, and they will work hard on you. You need to take a solid stand for God's eternal Truth and let the Spirit of God lead and guide you each day. None of us is smart enough to direct our own lives. We each must have the Spirit of God on the inside.

Some people are very slick talkers. The devil has much experience, but he cannot fool the Spirit of God. God said the very gates of hell cannot prevail against you, if you will let God have His way in your heart and life. He will walk with you daily, and you can enjoy fellowship with the people of God when you have the Holy Spirit. Friend, nothing compares with being with the saints of God in camp meetings and revivals. When people come home to Zion, souls receive help, backsliders return, and sinners get saved. What a glorious time it is!

Jesus said in John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." When you allow the Spirit of God to direct you, it will not be

the way man wants it, but the way God wants it. When God directs you, man-made organizations will not upset you. Many people have become entangled in them, but those who allow the Holy Spirit to lead them will stay true to God.

God's Requirements Are Clear and Concise

In the Old Testament we find an example of a man who did not want to do what God told him to do. In 2 Kings 5:1 we read, "Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper." Can you picture in your mind how great a man he was? He led the people until they were delivered from the countries that kept them in bondage. He had many good qualities, but he was a leper.

Verse 3 tells us, "And she [a young maid to Naaman's wife] said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." Verses 5-6 read: "And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy."

Verse 10 states, "And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." Naaman was a man of great standing. Most people would have thought, "Oh, this is a great man, the mighty Captain Naaman who delivered all those people"; then they would have gone out to meet him, but not the man of God. He simply sent his servant out

with a message, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times."

Verses 11-12 read: "But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage."

God's message to Naaman was quite clear. When the man of God sent the message to Naaman, it did not matter who Naaman was, how mighty he was, how brave he was, or that he was a captain. God had only one message for him, and it was the same message He would have had for anyone in his condition. The message was that he had to do what God told him to do to be cured of his leprosy, which was a type of sin. You see, it is not who you are or what you have accomplished, but rather you must meet God's conditions and do what He tells you to do to receive help from Him. If you need to be cleansed, you must pray and ask God's forgiveness, obey Him, and then you will be cleansed.

The trouble today is, people feel that because they are high in authority, they do not need to do what the Truth says. They do not want to humble themselves at an altar of prayer and confess that they are sinners heading for hell. They think they are too important to have to do these things.

The Word of God lets you know that if you are going to make Heaven your home, you must first acknowledge that you are a sinner; then you must confess your sins and ask God for forgiveness. When you meet God's conditions and He saves you, you will be a changed person. You will walk differently, talk differently, and look differently, because you will be a new creature in Christ Jesus. The only way God can do anything for anyone is through

obedience to Him.

Naaman said he would rather go to the clean waters of Damascus than to dip in the muddy water of the Jordan River. Why could he not do that? God told him to go down to the Jordan River. He had to get rid of his proud spirit to receive help from God. He told Naaman to go down and dip seven times, not six times. When he finally obeyed God and dipped seven times, he was cleansed of the leprosy, just as God had said he would be.

Naaman could not have gotten that message from just anyone, and the only place you can get the message of salvation is from a true man of God. You may say, "I know someone who got saved down in Babylon." Friend, if that person ever got saved, he got past the preacher and got down on his knees and sought God wholeheartedly. One must acknowledge his lost condition and get hold of God. When a person truly gets hold of God, then He will direct him to one place. God will not let a person stay where he will be fed Babylonian food, because it is not good for the soul. He will lead a person to where Truth is preached, not error.

Disobedience Always Spells Trouble

When Jonah failed to go where God told him to go, it brought trouble. Jonah 1:2-3 reads: "Arise, go to Nineveh [God told Jonah to go to a specific place and nowhere else], that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it."

I want you to realize that God has called man to the highest apex, or the highest position there is. He has given us a law, and that is exactly why He called Jonah. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, but he did not want to go there. Friend, if you

are a saint of God and you fail to do as God has commanded you, you can only go one direction, and that is down. If you disobey God, you are going down. Often when a person gets saved, people start to work on them to draw them away from Truth. They sometimes say, "Why don't you come down and worship with us?" That should tell you something right there.

Jonah did not want to cry out against the people of Nineveh, so he went down to Joppa and boarded a ship. He was looking for a way to escape the presence of God. When a person does not want the Truth, God will allow him to go another direction, but it will be down. God will permit that person to have exactly what he wants. The reason people are in Truth today is that they want Truth; it is not because of who they are. Someone may say, "I have been brought up in a Christian home." No matter where you were brought up, you are where you want to be. If you are on fire for God, it is because you want to be. If you are on the sideline, criticizing and finding fault with others, it is because that is where you want to be. If you are not interested in serving God, it is because you do not want to be. When God called you, Christian friend, He put you on the apex.

Jonah did not want to do what God commanded him to do, so he went down to Joppa and found a ship, and he paid the fare. If you walk against light, my friend, you will pay the fare; that fare is expensive, and it is not something you can cancel. If you pay the fare to go any place other than the highest apex, you cannot cancel and get your money back, but you will keep paying the fare. Furthermore, your children and grandchildren will be affected by your decision to disobey God. When you refuse to walk with God, do not think for a minute that you can walk in disobedience and God will bless you. Friend, you may prosper materially and financially, but nothing can take the place of Truth. Your money will not do you

any good in eternity. If you are going to work for God and be what He wants you to be, then you must walk with Him, obey Him, and be where He is.

Failing to Obey Will Bring You Down

After Jonah paid the fare, it was not long until he went down into the ship and fell fast asleep. As he was sleeping, a great storm arose and so shook the ship that all those hardened sailors began to fear. With such a tremendous storm, they began to throw cargo overboard to lighten the ship so that it would not sink. They knew something was wrong, so they went down and found Jonah in the lower deck fast asleep. When they awoke him, they questioned him. Finally, they threw him overboard, and the sea became calm again. God had prepared a big fish to swallow Jonah. Jonah had a price to pay, even though he had already paid the fare.

Friend, if God throws you overboard, He still has something that will swallow you. If you fail to walk in the light and cause trouble and disruptions in a congregation, you will not get by. If you disobey God, you may still hang around a congregation, but God will throw you overboard if you persist in going your own way. The devil will be right there to swallow you up, and he will cause you to think you have something when you do not. Jesus said in Revelation 3:17, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

It is a serious matter if, when Truth is preached, you get an independent spirit and will not walk in the light. You may not like someone in a congregation and choose to go somewhere else, but remember this: God placed you in the body, and the only place you will ever prosper spiritually is where God has placed you. You cannot go just anywhere

you please. You need to seek God earnestly if you get that thought in your mind. God placed you in the body as He saw fit, and when you get out of that place, you are out of God's care, and you are on your way down. You are on your way to your own "ship," so to speak, and the fare you will pay will be expensive.

I want you to consider David and his act of disobedience to God. Second Samuel 11:1-2 reads: "And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that . . . David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house." If you continue to read down through this chapter, you will find that David saw Bathsheba and lusted after her. Then he sent for her and committed the act of adultery, and in the end he committed murder. Why? He was not where he should have been. He did not plan for any of that to occur, but another spirit took over. My friend, you cannot disobey God and keep His Spirit. If you disobey Him, you will receive another spirit, and that spirit will take you down, just as it did David.

The Church and How She Is Built Up

Jesus asked His disciples in Matthew 16:13, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" They gave Him numerous renditions of who others thought Him to be, but He said in verse 15, "But whom say ye that I am?" Verse 16 reads, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter did not say, "I *think* You are . . ."; he said, "Thou *art* the Christ."

In verses 17-19 Jesus said to Peter: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall

not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Christ is the Rock. In essence, He was saying, "Upon My teachings, upon Me, I will build My church." John 1:1 tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Friend, you must meet God's conditions to be the church. You may say, "Everyone says they are the church." Well, let us see what the Word of God teaches us. Bible conditions must be met to be the bride of Christ. What are some of these conditions? Jesus said, "I will build my church," not churches. Let us consider the origin of the church. Second Samuel 7:12-13 states: "And when thy days be fulfilled [speaking of David], and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom [not Solomon's kingdom, but Christ's kingdom]. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever." You may say, "Solomon built a house." Yes, he did; but if you study it, you will find that it was not a type of the church. David's tabernacle was a type of the church. The ark was set in the middle of one room with only one door, not with many doors.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:15, "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Notice that Paul said "in heaven and earth," not somewhere else. God makes it quite clear to us that Jesus said, "I will build my church." On the Day of Pentecost, He built that church, and since that day, He has added to it. Who did Jesus add to the church? Everyone who wanted to be saved from sin, man-made religion, and the enemy of souls, if they met God's conditions. He is still adding to the church yet today. He will continue to build

upon it until He declares time to be no more. The church is built up when a person gets saved and is placed in the body of Christ as it pleases Him. Do you want the teachings of God or do you want to hear what man says? It is up to you. If you want to hear what God has to say, He will show you where you can go to hear Truth.

How the Church Functions

In Colossians 1:18 Paul stated that Christ "is the head of the body, the church." In Ephesians 1:22-23 Paul said that God "gave him [Christ] to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." Paul said in 1 Corinthians 12:18, "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." He does not ask you where you want to be or what you want to do, but He places you in His body as He sees fit. Just because you are not a pastor, a singer, or a pianist does not mean that you have no place in the body. If you are saved, you are in the body. You have a place, and each member of the body has a work to do. Just as your fingers, arms, eyes, ears, legs, and feet have work to do in your physical body, unless you do the work where God has placed you in the body, the body is going to suffer.

Ephesians 4:11 tells us, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist; and some, pastors and teachers." God has also called some to be helpers. I want you to realize that the helpers are just as important as the pastor. Pastors need help. You need to pray for the pastor, the singers, the instrument players, the choir director, the song leader, and the youth leader; but above all, you need to pray for the preacher.

If God placed you in the body as a helper, but you merely sit back and claim that you have nothing to do, one Sunday you may decide to take a little joy ride to see the scen-

ery. If you do that, friend, you are neglecting your duty. At times we may go away or have to work, but I am talking about just taking a joy ride or missing the services for no reason; then you are neglecting your post of duty, and you will not have a payday. Remember, God is the timekeeper, and He knows whether you can be in the service. Also, He knows whether you pray for the song leader, the choir director, the instrument players, and the special singers. He knows whether you pray to rebuke the devil. Unless you do these things, you are neglecting an essential part of your duties.

Do you think your body would function as efficiently if four of your fingers were chopped off? If you do not do your job in the family of God, you will hinder the work of the body. The Apostle Paul used the physical body as a type of the spiritual body. He places the members in the body as it pleases Him. Each of us has a work to do, but if someone sits back and does not do his part, then it becomes more difficult for the rest of the body. Certainly illnesses or other circumstances may hinder you. I do not want you to let the devil press you down over necessary situations or circumstances beyond your control. I am talking about when one *can* be at the house of God and *can* pray but simply fails to do so. If you fail to do these things when you can, then you are neglecting your duties.

"A Kingdom Which Cannot be Moved"

We read in Micah 4:1, "But in the last days [Hebrews 1:2 lets you know that the last days are since Christ came] it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains. . . ." Hebrews 12:28, speaking of the Kingdom of God, reads, "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." The writer let us

know that we receive a kingdom that cannot be moved. God has settled it. He set the standard and made it the law, and it will not be changed in any way. We are living in a world that has been modernized in every aspect. Nevertheless, God's Truth is still the same as it was on the Day of Pentecost. As it was before the foundation of the world, it is still the same today. The only thing we need to do is call upon God for grace to measure to the Word and do what the Word tells us.

In Isaiah 33:20 we read, "Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities [in other words, a peaceful people]: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation [no wars were going on there], a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken." Through the Prophet Isaiah, God was simply saying that not one word would ever be changed or taken out of the Word of God; it will always be the same.

Micah 4:1-2 says: "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it [signifying unity]. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

Many people think these verses of Scripture refer to literal Jerusalem, but you need to examine the Scriptures to understand what the truth is. First of all, Matthew 24:35 tells us that when the end of time comes, "Heaven and earth shall pass away." There will not be any earth left. Second, all the generations of God's people since the beginning of time will gather into the heavenly Jerusalem. The literal city of Jerusalem located in Palestine has a population

of approximately 250,000 people. People talk about trillions of people occupying that little town. How absurd can that be? This text from Micah says that God will call His people and gather them home. Where will He gather them? Hebrews 12:22-23 states: "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect."

Yield to the Gentle Molding of the Potter

Our text of Scripture states in verses 2-4: "Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels [in other words, he preached a message under the

anointing of the Holy Spirit]. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter [not because God marred it, but because the people would not do what He wanted them to do]: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it [in other words, one that pleased God]."

God is still telling people to go to the potter's house, which is a type of going to where the Word of God is preached. God is only where His Word is taught and practiced and where people do His work. That is exactly what Micah said in Micah, Chapter 4, and what Isaiah said in Isaiah, Chapter 2. Isaiah said to go up to the top of the mountain, far above the rest of the hills, and when you get up there, he said in verse 3 that "out of Zion shall go forth the law." God's Word is not what I think. I do not preach what I think; I preach the Word of God.

When a man of God preaches the Word, people must conform to His blueprint or they will be marred,

just as the vessel was in Jeremiah 18:4. What did the potter do? He made another vessel, one that would yield to the gentle molding of the potter. That is what God wants. Friend, all kinds of congregations call themselves the Church of God. Some uphold the standard and some do not. Others talk in gibberish, but that is not what God wants. God wants people who will let Him reign in their hearts and give the Holy Spirit preeminence.

The Prophet Ezekiel wrote in Ezekiel 11:19-20: "I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes." If you have God's Spirit dwelling in you, my friend, when the Word of God goes forth, you will want to obey it. You will hunger for it, and then God will bless you. May God help you.

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