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Sermon on the Mount - More Perfectly

...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
Acts 18:26

The Sermon on the Mount Compared to Paul's Epistles Part II

Matthew 5:11

*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

Are You Properly Troubled Today?

Let's hear what the Risen Christ through Paul about our troubles today!

II Corinthians 4:8-11 - *We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.*

- We are troubled more and more on every side!
 - Never has been 'global' like it is today!
 - A falling away apostasy
 - why do pastors try to deny it as they preach it - trying harder and harder for the gain...
 - People in denial - don't want to suffer!
 - Lots of 'articles' lately about the crumbling church - but wrong still!
 - kingdom of heaven
 - telling folks that pastors need to get people to stop sinning!
 - Faithful men are becoming more and more rare willing to study the RD KJB and do something with what Paul passes on!
 - **II Timothy 2:1-3**
 - caught up in the affairs of this life
 - being taught and led by the women of this world / business / education / home, etc.

- **II Timothy 2:4**
 - can't do it, if you are entangled - and most are!

II Corinthians 7:5 - *For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.*

- "Stuff" is going on ... without & within!
- Without
 - religions folly
 - economy
 - politics
 - corruption
- Within - We sure have the battles 'within' our little church crew, eh!
 - The "great spiritually worthless northwest!"
 - The stayers are still hanging around with the quitters - Tobiah still has his friends here!
 - And they all actually still feel bad about them - like it is my fault or something.
 - my personality clashes with their children - their gods and goddesses!
 - they think I just hate women?
 - no, just the loud, immodest, out of the home, honourable and devout in their own minds!
 - I 'point, aim and shoot' with my preaching - individual shots instead of group shots!
 - I am too long! Too 'fast' and 'too much' in the sermons!
 - "Who are you, anyway... to tell me anything!"
 - etc. whatever!

Galatians 1:7 - *Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.*

- Troubled over perverted gospel!
 - **Gospel of the world**
 - **Colossians 2:8** - *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*
- Gospel of their own mind
 - **Ephesians 4:17** - *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

- Gospel of wrong division, if any division at all
 - **II Timothy 2:16** - *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*
- Prosperity gospel
 - **I Timothy 6:17** - *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*
 - **I Timothy 6:10** - *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*
- Perverting the WORDS of God
 - **I Timothy 6:3-5** - *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth ...*
- Gospel of gain
 - *... supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.*
- false Christianity
 - **II Timothy 3:1-9** - *form of godliness, but denying the power thereof... from such turn away... their folly shall be manifest unto all men...*
- from wrong Christianity teachings
 - **II Timothy 2:16** - *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*
- corrupted scriptures - imitations
 - **II Corinthians 2:17** - *For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*
- seducing spirits and doctrines of devils
 - **I Timothy 4:1** - *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;*

II Timothy 2:8,9 - *Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.*

- We are considered to be an evil doer because of believing the Risen Saviour!

Verses from Paul on Persecution - but I would suggest you listen to the audio to get a few comments on these verses, as my objective in this sermon is to show that we are hindered in our witness of the Risen Saviour because we choose NOT to suffer. Note: All of these verses are not discussed in this sermon - maybe in the next one, eh!

- **I Corinthians 9:12**
- **II Thessalonians 1:5**
- **I Timothy 4:10**
- **II Timothy 3:12**
- **Philippians 1:29**
- **Philippians 3:8**
- **Philippians 4:12**
- **Romans 8:17**
- **Romans 8:18**
- **I Corinthians 3:15**
- **I Corinthians 12:26**
- **II Corinthians 1:5**
- **II Corinthians 1:7**
- **I Thessalonians 2:2**
- **I Thessalonians 3:4**
- **II Timothy 1:12**
- **II Timothy 2:12**

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The entire King James Bible is written FOR us, but it is not all written TO us!
We learn from the "For" and we try to apply the "TO!"