

The Mission of God's Messenger



How do we know that we are real messengers?

When we proclaim good news, freedom, recovery of sight, the year of the Lord's favor.

Each time we do the opposite we are not serving God but someone else.

When we preach bad news, we imprison people in our judgments, we obscure and conceal their eyes misleading them and when we push out God from life, here we will be Satan's messenger.

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah.

After finishing reading this prophecy he said: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

How powerful is this announcement! Jesus is the subject of the reading and the reader himself.

The prophet talks about him many years before Jesus' birth.

We see Jesus present inside the book and outside of it in person, standing in front of the synagogue participants.

How beautiful to realize that the whole Old Testament was written for one purpose: the coming of the Messiah.

46 books full of pages paved the way of His coming.

My dear friends, our disbelief in Jesus comes in general because of our unfamiliarity with the Old and New Testaments - the Bible.

Jesus used the Old Testament to reveal who he is, he states: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

He really doesn't need to do that; He is already in front of them. Performing miracles and preaching to them what nobody knows.

Why did he do that? Because the Bible is so precious and it is on it that we know the truth.

The Old Testament prepared for Jesus coming, the New Testament talks about what he did in his coming, and every story of each of us here on earth after Jesus' ascension to heaven can be a chapter added to the Bible or a chapter deleted from it. It is not a chapter written of course but one seen as Jesus was, the Incarnated Bible. He is the Word of God became flesh. However, we are flesh that are called to become the word of God, an open Bible to anyone that we encounter.

Saint Paul encourages us in his letter sent to the Corinthians, in the same time to us believers to not despair.

That whatever is going to confront the messengers from difficulties, nothing should stop them from serving, because they fully know that Jesus did the biggest service ever for them, taking away their sins.

Therefore, they live as saved people despite their burdensome problems.

The circumstances don't change them. They know well that God is in control even when it seems inconvenient.

This is that we desperately need nowadays. To open our Bible and believe that Jesus is with us, that we are anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit as Jesus is to preach the good news and change our world to a better place showing it who is our Lord, causing it to wonder as the eyes of everyone in the synagogue did.

"Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him."

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