

The Last Call Preacher(s)

Have you ever had someone calling you and calling you but you didn't answer because you were engrossed in what you were doing or you just plain didn't want to answer the call? Did you think that maybe, just maybe if you ignored the one calling he or she would go away and then you could do what you wanted instead of what they want? But you always knew by the sound or the tone of the call when it was going to be THE LAST CALL before action took place. If you were asked, "Why didn't you answer me when I called?", you might consider saying that you didn't hear or make up some other excuse. Rarely do you or I get honest enough to tell the truth to the one calling or admit it to ourselves.

For hundreds of years before Jesus came in bodily form to the earth and even when He was about to begin His ministry on this earth, people were being called and called and called. Matthew 3:1-3 says, " In those days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the Wilderness (Desert) of Judea And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This is he who was mentioned by the prophet Isaiah when he said, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the road for the Lord, make His highways straight (level, direct)." Luke 3:4-6 and Mark 1:3 tell of the same calling out.

Jesus came and Jesus went away. Where did He go? Mark 16:19, Ps. 110:1, Acts 2:34, Col. 3:1 tells us " so then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:20 says, And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied (it)." Jesus is also coming back to the earth again. For centuries the call has been going out. Revelation 1:7,8 says" Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall gaze upon Him...Even so(must it be). This was spoken of in Daniel 7:13 and Zechariah 12:10 as well.

The Spirit of the Lord is continuing to call and the tone of the call is becoming more urgent. In the not too distant future, it will be time for action to take place. "Let all living in the land tremble, for the Day of Adonai (that is, the Lord) is coming! It is upon us!" Joel 2:1. Have you been hearing the call? Is this the first call for you? Have you been blocking out the call? Again, it is a call of repentance. Make the crooked paths in your life straight. Stop doing things the way you've always done them and do things God's way. It's time to no longer compromise, trying to fool ourselves or others.

Acts 5:1-10 tells us of a couple who tried to fool themselves and others by doing things in a deceitful, conniving, manipulating manner. The time for action had come. "But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart that you should lie to and attempt to deceive the Holy Spirit, and should (in violation of your promise) withdraw secretly and appropriate to your own use part of price from the sale of the land?.....Upon hearing these words, Ananias fell down and died. And greater dread and terror took possession of all who heard of it." Now I am in no way insinuating that people will start dropping dead but I want to emphasize the urgency to answer the call and not wait till it's too late. Perhaps you feel like one in the wilderness who can't find your way out. Your path and direction will become more clear and straight if you will but answer the call to change your mind and your conduct and turn from the old ways of doing things. Say YES to Jesus and His ways so that you too can walk in power and allow the Lord to work with you in the fulfilling of "The Great Commission" and confirm the message by the attesting signs and miracles. JESUS wants to work through you, His servant, to show His power; His unconditional love; His unmeasured acceptance; His unconditional forgiveness to those who need to hear "The Last Call". John 14:6 says, " Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (or through) Me." That is Jesus calling.

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