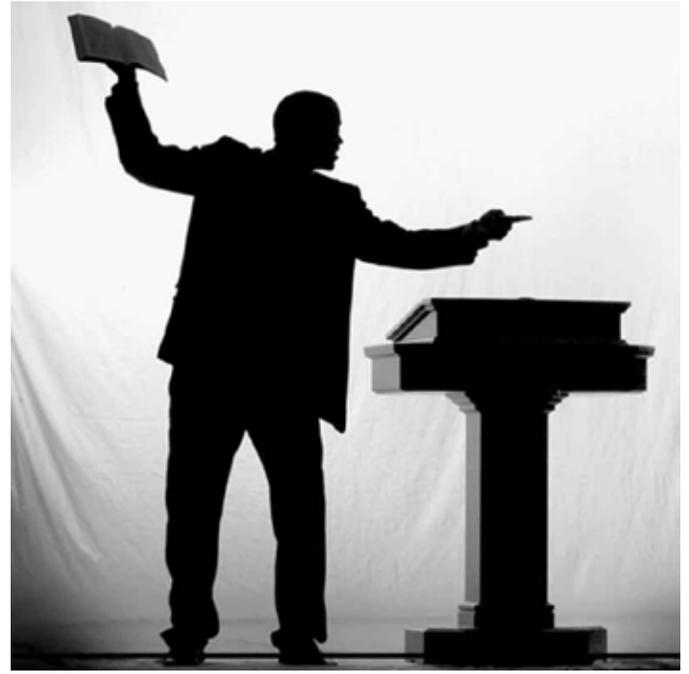


*"For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the Word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. Then I said, 'I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His Name.' But **His Word Was In Mine Heart As A Burning Fire** shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." **Jeremiah 20:8-9 KJV***



Are you ever chided for being "too" spiritual, as if such a thing could be true? Do you hold back the Truth for fear of rejection by those who, *"comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise?"* Truth upsets the apple-cart of self-indulgence and brings men face to face with their sin. You hold your words, but cannot long forbear and find yourself in derision again. Sadly, most rejection of Truth is from within the Assembly of believers. On Sunday, these social chameleons speak great prayers, sing with gusto, and then blend right back into the world on Monday! You need only watch them to know they *"honour [God] with their lips; but their heart is far from [Him]."*

Does Truth seem more a reproach than a Blessing? Jeremiah was so depressed by persecution he didn't even want to say God's Name, but he discovered, like any true Child of God, he could not help himself. Truth Burned away his resolve to be silent! He *"was weary with forbearing."* Like money in a fool's pocket, he *"could not stay!"* Release Truth's Light to those around you regardless of their reaction. You cannot know their thoughts, but God does. He promised, *"My Word That Goeth Forth Out Of My Mouth Shall Not Return Unto Me Void, but It Shall Accomplish That Which I Please."* The Holy Spirit of God will continue convicting with the Truth you uttered, until the hearer repents or rejects! *"He Will Reprove the world of sin, and of Righteousness, and of Judgment. He Will Guide you into all Truth."* God's Word Prepares the Path to repentance. Remember Jonah? He didn't want to preach to Nineveh, but a great fish convinced him otherwise. He found himself in a fish belly and reconsidered. He preached, still unhappy, but Nineveh repented and God Stayed His Wrath. Truth Saves from eternal Fire. October, 1536, William Tyndale, Bible translator, bound to a burning stake, prayed while dying, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes!" God Answered his dying prayer with the translation of the King James English Bible and it remains to this day the best English translation of Scripture!

God's Word cannot be held within,  
For it alone can save from sin,  
Its seed in fertile nurtured ground,  
Will see the Grace of God abound! –CGP

We never labour alone, *"For we are labourers together with God."* If weary and heavy laden, quit trying to do it all yourself. Take upon you the Yoke of Christ *"for [His] Yoke Is Easy and [His] Burden Light and be not weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."* Christ's Yoke is cheerful obedience to His Word. It is easy, because we know He Loves us *"with An Everlasting Love!"* You see, a yoke allows two unequally matched animals to pull a heavy load together. If we are in a yoke with Christ, not only are we in lock step with God, but the Omnipotent Sovereign of Eternity is pulling our load!

*"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." **Romans 13:11-14 KJV***