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In ancient times it was often customary to have individuals, called heralds, whose appointed task was to announce the arrival of the king, or the reading of his decrees. These announcers or heralds had no power of their own nor was their task in any sense to draw attention to themselves, but rather to bring into focus, the glory of the king and the solemnity of his decrees.

Solomon describes himself as a “Preacher”, a “son of David”, and a “King”. Yet we see much more in this scripture than a simple reference to Solomon. For *“behold, a greater than Solomon is here.”* Solomon is announcing that PREACHER who said of HIMSELF *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the SOURCE of all knowledge, wisdom, and truth. HE is the *“ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”* HE is that ONE who is the KING of Kings and who has hidden things from the wise and prudent and yet revealed them unto babes. HIS declaration of the gospel is not simply in words but in the demonstration of the purpose of ALMIGHTY GOD to redeem HIS beloved Bride. Though HE thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD, yet, as a PREACHER, HE *“made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”* HE was *“in all points tempted like as we are”* and *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.”* As this obedient SON, and faithful PREACHER who walked among men, HE sought not glory for HIMSELF but declared the glory of HIS FATHER. *“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”*

Though the LORD JESUS *“made HIMSELF of no reputation.”* for a season; HE is now glorified and seated upon the throne of HIS Kingdom as an absolute POTENTATE who is without rival. In the meantime HE has vouchsafed HIS role as PREACHER unto HIS SPIRIT of whom HE said, *“when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”* No man can receive any knowledge of truth, apart from the direct application of it by the HOLY SPIRIT who is sent for this purpose to the sons of GOD. This is what Paul meant when he said, *“no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”* Spiritual truth can only be conveyed by the ONE who is the AUTHOR of that truth. So the work of the SPIRIT is absolutely vital in order for men to be able to “hear the gospel”.

Part of the work of the SPIRIT in this present world is to equip and send forth “preachers” who are born of Adam’s race. None of them have any knowledge or comprehension of those things which they are sent into the world to preach apart from the same work which must be performed in those that hear them. When the early disciples received the outpouring of the gift of “tongues” on the day of Pentecost, the glory of what occurred was that men “heard” what was said by the SPIRIT.

Peter “preached” unto them, yet it was not the “preaching” of Peter that caused them to believe it, rather it was the work of the SPIRIT that caused them to “hear” it. *“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* Many “preachers” consider themselves to be far more important than they are. If GOD is able to raise up stones to praise HIM, HE is surely able to cause HIS sheep to hear what HE wants them to “hear” without the preachers eloquence. All of GOD’s messengers are prone to err and “see through a glass darkly”. Yet GOD is in no wise hindered in causing men to “hear” whatever HE determines them to “hear” regardless of the messenger HE may be pleased to use. Faith cometh by “hearing” which the SPIRIT of GOD, alone, can impart. The LORD JESUS is the PREACHER.

This PREACHER was anointed to : *“Preach the gospel to the poor.”*, *“They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* *“Preach deliverance to the captives.”* The LORD JESUS CHRIST has set HIS people free having obtained eternal redemption for them. *“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”* *“Preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”* GOD, *“Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.”* Do you hear what this PREACHER saith?

“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**