

Christ The Beauties of The Lord - The Letter "A" - Part 2

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His Authority and Power continued

It is always wonderful to hear someone speak with humble authority. Many can speak with imagined authority by shouting and pounding a pulpit but that is not power. Some speak with imagined authority based on that which is not factual, i.e.; The Big Bang, life on other planets. Others speak with authority and knowing they are good speakers, have a belittling attitude toward others. These were never found in Christ. When He repeatedly said, "But I say unto you" fifteen times (Matt. 5:22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44; 11:22, 24; 12:6, 36; 17:12; 26:29; Mk. 9:13; Lk. 6:27; 10:12) yet there was no pride but sovereign authority. He quotes the God-given law saying, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill . . . But I say unto you" (Matt. 5:21-22). He takes the illustration of the cities which reject his message and says, "But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city" (Lk. 10:12).

His Accuracy in Teaching

The teachings of our Lord were not that of a mere human being. Every word He spoke were the words of a man who, in His full unwavering fellowship with the Holy Spirit and the Father, had three unique abilities:

- a) He had undiminished spiritual hearing of and from God.
- b) He had communications with God His Father every morning.
- c) He had the readiness to fulfil the will of God irrespective of the cost to Him.
- d) The ancient prophet wrote concerning Him: "The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned" (Isa. 50:4). The teaching of the Lord was always precise, illustrative, and without any iota of miscommunication or misunderstanding. He was able in truth to say, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me" (Jn. 7:16). "I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest me" (Jn. 17:8). The accuracy of His words were profound for none other could ever say, "I have manifested thy name" (Jn. 17:6).

Because the teaching of the Lord was always accurate, He never needed to retract an expression or say, "I meant to say". Speaking only that which God gave He exclusively, without exaggeration or modifying the tone in any way, could say, "I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest me" (Jn. 17:8). Again, "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me" (Jn. 17:8). In all His teachings there was never an indication of belittlement or someone being told, either in word or facial expression, that their question was "stupid" or of no consequence. There was no holding back of truth so that man would misunderstand what was being said. He knew nothing of pride because of the depth of His knowledge and teaching. His words, "I have manifested thy name" (Jn. 17:6) was the final court of authority on that which He spoke. For instance, it was not an exaggeration when He said:

- a) There is coming a day when all in the graves shall hear my voice (Jn. 5:28).
- b) I am the Bread which came down from Heaven I am the way the truth and the Life (Jn. 6:35).
- c) This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears (Lk. 4:21).
- d) Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood ye have no life in you (Jn. 6:53).
- e) I am the resurrection and the life he that believeth in me shall never die (Jn. 11:25).
- f) I am He that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore and I have the keys of death and the grave (Rev. 1:18).
- g) If ye ask anything in my Name I will do it (Jn. 14:14).

What comfort and encouragement the promises of the Lord give to weary and sorrowful hearts. Who could describe the blessedness of the awareness of the infiniteness of the God one is speaking to, and listen to the pledge of the Lord, "If ye ask anything in my Name I will do it". If these words were not accurate how could we accept anything He ever said?

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His Actions

We humans are curious creatures. All one needs to consider is the normal reaction when there is an accident. The cars slow down and people look to see what has happened. To an extent, the same thing happens when something special is about to be done. The Lord knew the natural tendency.

At the time the Lord gave a blind person sight where they were geographically. On one occasion He did it in two parts. That which is beautiful was when He was going to give a blind man sight. It was obvious people were gathering to see what would happen and the Lord would not let the man be the object of curious touching and pushing crowds. Taking the man by the hand, the Lord kindly led him out of the eye of those who were not watching in love for the man, but from mere curiosity. I wonder how He took His hand? I am sure the hold gave the man quietness and confidence in knowing where he was going.

Or, when in Peter's house and His mother-in-law was ill. I would consider her to be a women in her high 50's or early 60's for those days. How would He have taken her hand? I would expect He would have taken her hand in both of His with a smile of encouragement looking at her.

When the Lord touched the leper, how does God the Spirit touch people? As gently as possible but with firm assurance?

His Attractiveness

This I leave to the last for when one considers Song of Solomon 5:16, the young women ends her response to the questioning of what makes her beloved more than any other, with the declaration found nowhere else in the scriptures, "He is altogether lovely". The Psalmist will write, "He is the Governor among the nations" (Psa. 22:28); "He is the King of Glory" (Psa. 24:10); "He is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20); "He is the Son of man" (Jn. 5:27); "He is," not He was, and developed loveliness, but before then the earth was formed, He was lovely to God for He was daily His delight (Prov. 8:30); When He trod this desert scene He was lovely, for God opened the Heaven and said, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:18). Truly did Hosea write, "Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree. From me is thy fruit found" (Hos. 14:8). When we see Him in the richness of His glory, if only for a split moment, nothing on earth can compare with the attractiveness of His beauty.

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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